This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

Usage guidelines

Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

We also ask that you:

+ *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.

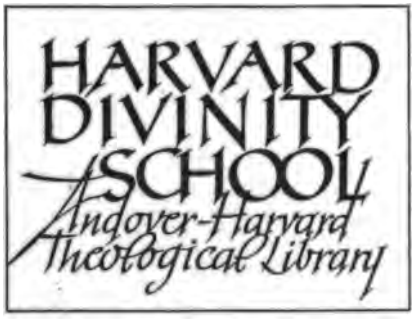
+ *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.

+ *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.

+ *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

About Google Book Search

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at `http://books.google.com/`


HARVARD
DIVINITY
SCHOOL
Andover-Harvard
Theological Library

MINUTES

OF NHE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OE

New-Hampshire,

At their Annual Meeting in Keene,

AUGUST 25, 26 & 27,

1857.

MINUTES

OF NHE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OE

Dr. Churches

New-Hampshire,

At their Annual Meeting in Keene,

AUGUST 25, 26 & 27,

1857.

HANOVER:
Printed at the Dartmouth Press.
1857.

1877, Mar. 1.

F
7108
.N4
A3
1857-67

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Congregational Meeting House in Keene on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum*, by Rev. J. M. C. Bartley of Hampstead, from Col. 3 : 11.

After Sermon, the preacher took the chair. Credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were presented and the following Ministers were found to constitute the General Association :

Associations.	*Delegates.*
Belknap,	Charles Burnham, Daniel Goodhue.
Caledonia,	None.
Derry,	William Page, Charles Tenney.
Harmony,	John H. Merrill, Horace Wood.
Hollis,	Daniel Sawyer, William Clark, Amos W. Burnham.
Hopkinton,	Ambrose Smith, Benj. P. Stone, D. D. Marshall B. Angier.
Lancaster,	None.
Manchester,	E. J. Hart, Lyman Marshall.
Monadnock,	J. P. Humphrey, B. Smith, M. H. Wells, E. Adams.
Orange,	None.
Piscataqua,	Theodore Wells, Lyman Whiting, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan,	Rufus Case, Jacob Scales, Henry Richardson, Alvah Spaulding.
Suncook,	Jairus Ordway.
Union,	E. C. Cogswell, Asahel Bigelow.
Ex Officio,	J. K. Young, Secretary. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., Pastor of the Church.

Gen. Conf. Maine, J. B. Hadley.
Gen. Asso. Mass. J. G. D. Stearns, John H. Bisbee.
Gen. Convention Vt., John B. Perry.
Gen. Asso. Conn. David L. Parmelee.
Evan. Con. R. I. Joel Mann.
Gen. Asso. Iowa, James P. Kimball.
Gen. Con. of Wisconsin, E. J. Montague.
N. H. Meth. Conf. Mr. Evans.
Gen. Ass. Pres. Ch. N. S., J. Parsons Hovey.
Freew. Bap. Yearly Meet., I. D. Stewart.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. Rufus Case, Moderator, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Scribe, and Rev. Alvan Tobey, Assistant Scribe.

The Rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and prayer for Divine direction was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Clark, Scales and Barstow were appointed a Committee of Nominations and Overtures.

Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Messrs. Kimball of Iowa, Parmelee of Conn., and Hovey of New York were chosen a Committee on the Narratives of the state of religion.

Adjourned till half past 1, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Secretary presented a communication from the General Convention of Vermont, on printing the Minutes of the several Congregatioual bodies *in one volume*. On motion, the subject was committed to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Cummings, Asa Mann, and J. G. Davis.

A communication from the General Conference of Minnesota Territory, requesting fraternal correspondence, was received and read.

The subject of revising the Schedule for returns to this body so as to agree with the recommendations of the Congregational Year Book, was briefly considered and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Lee, A. W. Burnham and J. Woods.

The hour for public exercises having arrived, after singing and prayer by Rev. Mr. Parmelee, reports of the state of religion in the District Associations were made. In the course of the narratives prayer was offered by Rev. B. Smith, followed with remarks by Rev. S. Lee.

Reports were presented by the Delegates from foreign bodies, from the General Conference of Maine, General Convention of Vermont, General Association of Massachusetts, Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, General Association of Connecticut, General Association of Iowa, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., N. H. Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, N. H. Methodist Conference and the General Convention of Wisconsin. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Burnham.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26.

Met as adjourned. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Page.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Rev. J. K. Young, delegate to the General Assembly of the

Presbyterian Church, O. S., assigned reasons for not attending. Rev. E. N. Hidden, delegate to the General Association of New York, reported by letter his attendance and kind reception.

Rev. S. Lee, delegate to the N. S. General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, reported attendance and kind reception.

The resolution of the General Association of Iowa, relating to an amicable separation of Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the Home Missionary work, was discussed and laid on the table.

The following Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed:

To the General Conference of Maine—Rev. B. F. Parsons, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont—Rev. A. P. Tenney, Primary, Rev. Rufus Case, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. W. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut—Rev. H. Cummings, Primary, Rev. B. Smith, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Thomas Savage, Primary, Rev. I. Willey, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York—Rev. J. A. Hood, Primary, Rev. Edward Robie, Substitute.

To the General Association of Ohio—Rev. N. Lasell, Primary, Rev. E. E. Atwater, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan—Rev. J. Ordway, Primary, Rev. A. Bigelow, Substitute.

To the General Association of Wisconsin—Rev. A. Spaulding, Primary, Rev. C. Willey, Substitute.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa—Rev. Asa Mann, Primary, Rev. J. Colby, Substitute.

To the General Association of Minnesota—Rev. J. Holmes, Primary, Rev. J. H. Mellish, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S. Rev. A. Richards, Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Substitute.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Rev. B. P. Stone, D.D., Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. H. A. Kendall Primary, Rev. H. Moody, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. R. M. Sargent, Primary, Rev. James Doldt, Substitute.

To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention—Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., Primary, Rev. M. Gerould, Substitute.

Rev. Mr. Harding, Secretary of the Congregational Board of Publication, addressed the Association in behalf of that object.

Rev. Mr. Turner presented the claims of the American Tract Society.

Rev. Mr. Langworthy addressed the Association in behalf of the American Congregational Union.

Rev. Mr. Hovey spoke in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Rev. L. Whiting addressed the Association in relation to the Whitefield Monument at Exeter.

At 5 minutes before 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the New Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society for one hour. The Society held its anniversary. The Report of the Treasurer, Hon. Samuel Morril, and the Report of the Secretary, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., were presented, and addresses made by Rev. Lyman Whiting, Rev. I. N. Tarbox, and Rev. Geo. P. Tyler.

At 11 o'clock, A. M. the Sabbath School anniversary was held. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. John Woods. Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the annual Report on Sabbath Schools for the State. The body of the house was filled with Sabbath Scholars and Teachers, who were addressed by Rev. Mr. Monroe, agent of the American Sunday School Union, Rev. A. Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. Woods.

Association adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Met as adjourned.

Rev. H. E. Parker was appointed preacher before the Communion next year, and Rev. E. E. Atwater substitute.

Rev. B. P. Stone, D.D., Rev. H. E. Parker, and Rev. J. K. Young were appointed a Committee to disburse the portion of the Congregational Church building fund appropriated to this State.

The Committee appointed last year on the proportion of the population that neglect public worship, reported, and their report was ordered to be published in the Congregational Journal.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was re-elected Treasurer, and Rev. N. Bouton, D.D., Auditor. *Voted*, that a tax of 25 cents be assessed on each member of the District Associations.

On the subject of correspondence with the two Presbyterian General Assemblies, it having appeared that the Old School Assembly has withdrawn its correspondence, and the New School Assembly has removed the objections to continued correspondence, it was voted that no further action is required by us.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

Resolved, That this Association cordially approve the Report presented by the large and judicious Committee of the American Tract Society, at its last annual meeting and unanimously adopted, on the subject of its publications in their relation to slavery; and that we earnestly hope the principles of that Report will be wisely and rightly carried out in practice.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Association, the decision of the American Home Missionary Society to exercise a wise discretion with regard to aiding churches in which are [slaveholding members, is strongly approved by the friends of the Society in this State.

At 2 o'clock, the Association gave place to the New Hampshire Bible Society. After singing and prayer. the Report of the state of the treasury was read by Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Treasurer, and the Report of the Directors by Rev. I. Willey, Secretary. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. K. Young and Prof. D. J. Noyes, D. D.

The Association resumed business. The Committee on the Schedule and the Committee on Printing the Records of all Congregational bodies in one volume, presented their reports.—After discussion it was voted, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committees, that a Statistical Secretary be appointed by this body.

Rev. Dr. Stone, chairman of the Committee on the Narratives, presented the Report, which was read and adopted.

Rev. J. Woods presented the Pastoral Letter, which was read and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

The Scribes and Rev. David Kimball were appointed the publishing Committee.

It was voted, on the recommendation of the Committee on the place and preacher for the next meeting, that the Secretary appoint the place, and Harmony Association furnish the preacher.

Voted, That 500 copies of the Minutes be printed.

Rev. W. Page and Rev. L. Marshall obtained leave of absence.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be given through the pastor of this church, to the people of this place for their generous hospitality to us during this meeting.

Rev. J. G. Davis was appointed Statistical Secretary.

At the recommendation of Rev. Asa Mann, Rev. Messrs. Tenney, Richardson and Cummings were added to the Committee on the Whitefield Monument.

The resolution of the General Association of Iowa was taken from the table, and after discussion, was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. A. W. Burnham, M. H. Wells and S. Lee, to report next year.

Voted, That our rule, "that the Narratives of the state of religion in our churches be written and brief," be strictly adhered to.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the N. H. Missionary Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Langworthy, the Report was presented by Rev. Dr. Stone, and addresses made by Rev. L. Whiting and Rev. W. Clark.

A Report respecting an increased efficiency for Home Missions was presented by Rev. L. Whiting and adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Parmelee of Conn. and Hovey of New York, were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Adjourned to a quarter past 1 o'clock.

Met as adjourned.

Voted, That the necessary expenses of the Statistical Secretary in the performance of his duties be defrayed by the Association.

Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, N. Bouton, D. D. and J. K. Young were appointed a Committee to report next year, on the proper treatment of those members who, after long absence and location near other sister churches, decline to remove their membership.

The Sermon before Communion was preached by Rev. C. W. Wallace, from Heb. 11 : 16, and the Sacrament was administered by Rev. Messrs. Parmelee and Hovey.

Afterwards the Moderator having led in thanksgiving to God, the Association adjourned, *sine die*.

RUFUS CASE, *Moderator*.

J. P. HUMPHREY, *Scribe*.

ALVAN TOBEY, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

During the past year, God has greatly increased our obligations to remember him, both with submission and gratitude. By his holy providence he has taught us ministers that what we have to do for him and his kingdom, we should do quickly; for the night of death cometh when no man can work. Since our last convocation, three among our venerated fathers have departed this life—Rev. Jonathan French, D. D., of North Hampton, Rev. Isaac Hurd, D. D., of Exeter, and Rev. John M. Whiton, D. D. of Bennington.

The reports from the several District Associations mention many cheering instances of the Divine presence and mercy with the churches during the year. Seasons of special religious interest, of more or less extent, have been enjoyed in the churches in Candia, Auburn, Laconia, Pittsfield, Northwood, Nashua, Concord 1st and South churches, Hopkinton, Pembroke, Raymond, Canterbury, Sanbornton Bridge, Troy, Walpole, Portsmouth, New Market, 1st and Belknap churches in Dover, Claremont, West Lebanon, 1st church in Greenfield, Lyndeborough, and New Boston. As the result of these visitations of the Holy Spirit, 555 have been added to the churches on profession of their faith in Christ. Though a large majority of the hopeful converts are Sabbath School children, yet many among them are youths and heads of families. The number added to the churches by letter is 403, making the whole number of additions 958. The whole number of deaths, exclusions and removals by letter, is 712, leaving on the average, an increase of 242. The whole number of communicants in the churches reported, including last year's report from Orange and Caledonia Associations, is 18,845. Two new churches have been organized, viz.: the Belknap church in Dover, and the 2d church in Great Falls. Both of the churches hold out encouragement of increase and great usefulness. Sabbath Schools are a fixture in all our churches. During the year they have as a class, been attended with unusual interest and encouragement.

The cause of Christian benevolence, it is believed, has made some advance among the churches. The total amount raised is reported at 30,240 dollars, which is about $1,62 for each member. Less allusion than formerly was made in the reports to the depleting effects of emigration on the numbers and strength of the churches, though it is well known that the tide is still flowing Westward with little or no abatement. But though it may diminish and discourage many of the churches in the agricultural towns, it should be a matter of rejoicing with us, that what we lose from this cause is the gain and prosperity of others.

Our College is represented to be in a prosperous condition. This venerable Institution is worthy of a larger place in the affections and prayers of all who value a sanctified learning as essential to the welfare of Church and State. Seven professed religion here the past year.

The cause of Temperance, we regret to learn, is not as prosperous as has been our hope and desire. We have good theory enacted into a law on the subject of suppressing the evils of the liquor traffic; but for the practice there is a lack. In a few instances, however, the law has been put in force; and in others, the fear of it has somewhat restrained the wicked; but on the whole, the heart of the people quails before a perverted public opinion.

The General Conference of Maine, the General Associations of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa, the General Convention of Vermont, the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, the New Hampshire General Meeting of the Freewill Baptists, the New Hampshire Methodist Conference and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., each

presented us their salutations by their delegates. A letter was received from the General Association of Minnesota, soliciting the relation to us of a corresponding body.

Upon the whole, the year past has been one of more mercies than judgments, calling us to bow before the Great Head of the church in thanksgiving and in humble reliance upon Him for strength and grace for every duty and providence, and remembering that he will soon say to us all, if found obedient to the end, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord." BENJ. P. STONE, For the Com.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Written by Rev. J. Wrods, Fitzwilliam.

[The writer was aware that the length of the article would be an objection; but by vote of the Association, it is given to the Publishing Committee entire.

BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

As we come up yearly to these heights of Zion, and look over our fields of labor, we wish to inquire affectionately for your spiritual welfare. Do your souls prosper? Are you walking in the fear of the Lord and comforts of the Holy Ghost? Almost every year some of the watchmen are summoned to their last account; and wide ravages are made among their flocks. If death is so near, and daily drawing nearer, and if, at death, we are hoping to receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, and to join the Church of the Firstborn, whose names are written in heaven, is it not high time that we awake out of sleep? Blessed are those servants whom their Lord when he cometh shall find watching. But wo to him that slumbereth in that day. There is much to be done, and a perishing world needs your prayers, your contributions, your efforts, your influence. Ye are designed to be the light of the world. If your light be hid, or becomes darkness, it is a darkness which the light of the ministry, and even of the Bible, although it be clear as the sun, can hardly dissipate. Zion's prosperity, and the salvation of perishing sinners, for whom Christ died, depend very much on the lives of those professing godliness.

In former years we have addressed you on personal piety, individual responsibility and other important duties. We wish at this time to be permitted to enter your dwellings, and to speak with you kindly of some of those intimate and endearing relations which constitute the Family Circle — relations in which some of the most important duties and richest enjoyments of life, lie — relations which God our Creator and Christ our Redeemer have often employed to represent their infinite love and kindness to us, and in which the people of God may find more of heaven begun below than in all the world beside. Christian Families are the little fountains from which issue these rills of salvation which form that river, on both sides of which grow the trees of life which yield their fruit every month, and whose leaves, as they are scattered abroad, are for the healing of the nations. Make these fountains pure, and the stream will be pure, and every thing where these waters come shall live. On the other hand, disturb, pollute, poison these fountains, and the river of life becomes the river of death.

With the example of inspired Apostles before our eyes, you will not

expect us to apologize for addressing you in relation to family duties. Their example not only warrants, but instructs us in our duty towards you. Why they always addressed the inferior before the superior relation, we do not understand, unless it were tacitly to check the natural austerity of the superior towards the inferior, for which there may have been special cause when addressing churches recently gathered from heathen despotism and barbarity. But one thing is plain: the Bible every where makes love the golden chain that should bind together the different members of a family and all to the throne of God; thus rendering families not only nurseries of the great Family above, but little miniature likenesses also.

Without regarding the examples alluded to, as binding, or supposing the same cause now to exist, we think there can be no harm if we follow the same order; and first of all, remind WIVES of their high position and great responsibility. We regard the Wife as the presiding angel in the family, holding the first place in influence, if not in authority; because more constantly present, and more intimately connected with all the springs of joy and sorrow. No hand like hers can pour the healing balm of friendship into a wounded spirit. No voice like hers can cheer a desponding heart, restrain a wayward footstep, or calm a ruffled mind. With the concurrence and coöperation of her husband, it is hers to "guide the house," and make home sweet, attractive and safe to all the inmates of the family. A lack on her part cannot be easily supplied. A mistake or fault, though covered with a mantle of charity, muddies a fountain which should be kept pure.

Where the Bible is unknown, woman is but little better than a slave. Christianity elevates her to a sphere of great usefulness and respectability. Although subject to her husband, it is no servile subjection. She is his companion and helpmeet, not to bear his burdens, but to lighten them, and to share his joys and sorrows. She has rights, divinely given, and inalienable, which we would not have her surrender, nor see wrested from her; but they are not in the Town-meeting, nor hall of legislation, nor arena of public debate and controversy; but in the quiet of home, the warm affections of her family and the clear sunlight of heaven. It is her right, first of all to be exceedingly lovely, and them to be loved by her husband, even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. Moving noiselessly along in her proper sphere, she will secure to herself the enjoyment of these rights more effectually and surely than in any other way. Nay, she cannot fail to do it, unless like one of old, she happens to be connected with a son of Belial, whom neither wisdom nor kindness can tame. (1 Sam. 25:17.) In that case we can only say, "Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he will sustain thee."

Next we say to HUSBANDS, "Love your wives and be not bitter against them." Reason, duty, the word of God, your own interest and happiness, together with your marriage covenant — more than a thousand-fold cord — bind you to do it. He that loveth not his wife injures himself. Few husbands — none, we trust, whom we address — knowingly and intentionally trample upon these obligations. But many, we fear, fail to show that sympathy and kindness to which the fee-

ble and care-worn wife is justly entitled. They return from their toil, it may be, weary and perplexed and forget that their wives may have been as heavily burdened as themselves. Jesus, whom husbands should imitate, does not break the bruised reed, but tenderly binds it up. Every husband, who is worthy the name and relation, had rather suffer pain or grief himself than inflict it upon his wife. But some, not considering the consequences, make home the place to give vent to every trouble that crosses their path – every excited feeling that disturbs their minds. The restraints, which self-respect had imposed abroad, are removed at home ; and innocence and feebleness, already crushed with care, are made to bear burdens which belong not to them. A far better remedy is provided in the word of God—"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." This would preserve the domestic circle in peace and quietness, and pour joy, instead of grief, into bosoms which often bleed in silence.

Husband and wife together constitute the social head of the family; and have rightful jurisdiction over "all within their gates." God has committed the government of the household into their hands, and they cannot surrender it without a breach of trust. Although twain, they are one; and their joint authority and influence, like the shining of the two wicks of a lamp, should be known only by an increase of light. There is an end of family government, when a child, rebuked or chastened by one parent, can take shelter under the wings of the other.

Well regulated Christian Families are the nurseries of the church, and the hope of the world. The grand design of Heaven, in the Family Constitution, is to "seek a godly seed." It is in such families that religion appears in its loveliest garb ; and if angels find, on earth, any thing to attract and prolong their stay, it is in families where parents and children are found walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. This is an age of light, and we boast of great improvements; but in respect to family government, and the religious training of children, we have painful evidence of a sad declension from the piety and diligence of our Puritan ancestors. A return to the good old way, of an early consecration to God, followed by religious instruction from the old New England Primer, or something of the kind, we should hail as a daystar of hope to Zion. God has not changed. He still has respect to his covenant, and is not slack concerning his promises. But if the seal, the ratifying token of his covenant is withheld, he accounts the covenant broken. (Gen. 17 : 14.) Our children, not less than those of former ages, need a Protector and Savior. Christ is that good Shepherd who "gathereth the lambs with his arm and carrieth them in his bosom." He was much displeased, when his disciples forbade their being brought to him. Such as are brought to him by believing parents, he receives. They belong to his fold. To them pertain the promises of both Testaments. "The just man's children are blessed after him." (Prov. 20 : 7) "The promise is to you and your children." (Acts 2 : 39.) Tho connexion that existed between parents and children under the Old Testament is not broken up under the New. They that are Christ's are Abraham's seed, and heirs of the same blessings.

We wish for no superstitious, nor unmeaning and heartless ceremony. But the relation, that we and our children sustain to God, is not a natural but a constituted relation; and the covenant, by which it was constituted, is an everlasting covenant. (Gen. 17 : 19.) But covenants, if not ratified by seals, are worthless. The *terms* of the covenant, and the seals are both of God's ordaining. Whom he includes in his covenant, we have no right to leave out. His covenant with believing parents certainly does include their offspring; and, although we are not literally Abraham's seed, yet the blessing of Abraham has come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ. When the original seal, which pointed to an atoning Redeemer became inappropriate, he who instituted, changed it for one indicative of the work of the Spirit, and

> "Water seals the blessing now,
> That once was sealed with blood."

It is a beautiful, nay more, a very significant, impressive and solemn scene, when Christ's little ones, the children of the covenant, are brought to the sanctuary in the arms of parental faith and love, and consecrated to the Triune God, at the very commencement of an endless existence. The infant Jesus was brought thus early to the temple; and shall we not allow our children to be thus early imitators of him?

But a covenant involves obligations as well as promises: and unless the vow be performed, it had better not have been made. Children given up to God, and marked with the seal of his gracious covenant, should be diligently trained up for him. They are by nature children of wrath even as others; and must have what is symbolized by baptism — the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, or they cannot be saved. But what God does, he ordinarily does by appropriate means. And what means can be more appropriate than parental fidelity? Begin, therefore, early. Consecrate, govern, instruct, restrain, and if occasion require, chasten. Pray with and for them. Write God's laws upon your door-posts and gates. Talk of them in the house and by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Enforce precept by example. See that they do not profane God's holy day. Take them with you to the house of prayer and have them under your eye. Rely not upon Sabbath School Teachers to do for them what God requires of you. Let them see and feel that their parents are deeply interested for their spiritual welfare — are more anxious that they should have a treasure in heaven than on earth. When the minister visits you, gather your children about you, that they may have the benefits of his instructions. Lay before him a Bible and let him understand that you are all present before God to hear his word and learn his will. When he kneels to pray, do you and your children kneel. A reverent posture becometh sinful creatures; and the minister will not feel, as some have often felt, as if he alone were addressing the throne of divine mercy. Encourage free Christian intercourse between your children and your minister. Let him understand that you regard the lambs of the flock a part of his charge as much as yourselves; and they are not to be fed while skipping upon the mountains, but "beside the shepherd's tent." The moulding of their pliant

minds, and the formation of their early habits are chiefly in your hands. It depends mainly on you, how they shall spend their leisure hours — what company they shall frequent — what books they shall read — what religious instruction they shall receive. Be faithful unto death, and God will crown your labors with his blessing. Should your children become disobedient, wayward and wicked, it will not be because God is unfaithful. Eternity will reveal the fact that there was some important error or deficiency on your part. Eli was a good man, but in the government of his family, he sadly failed; and he stands on the page of history as a fearful warning to other parents to the end of time.

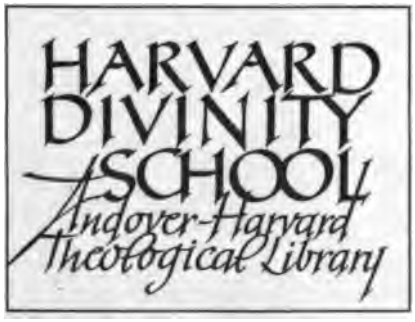
The responsibility of parents is too great for finite minds to comprehend. It cannot be too deeply felt. Let it be your daily prayer to Almighty God, that he would give you wisdom and grace according to your need, that you may so command your children and household after you, that you may not only be clear of their blood, but that they may keep the way of the Lord, and that you, at the last great day may have the happiness of appearing before your God and Judge, saying, "Lord, here are we and the children thou hast given us." It surely must be a blessing worth long striving for. If success be delayed and labor seem to be in vain, be not discouraged. It may be only to try your faith. Some forty years ago, a pious father and worthy minister of Jesus Christ in this State, who has long since rested from his labors, had a son that became intemperate. The other children were all hopefully pious. This son was often warned, exhorted and entreated. Much fervent prayer was offered for him, but apparently all in vain. He became very reckless. His father's health at length began to decline, and he was evidently drawing near the grave. But he had strong faith in God's covenant. I shall yet live, he would say, to see that child a christian; and it was according to his faith. The last time he ever sat at the Lord's table on earth, that son sat by his side, "clothed and in his right mind." He then said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation;" and soon he fell asleep in Jesus.

Before we close we wish to address a few words to the children of the church. "Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." Ye are the children of the covenant; and the covenant is not man's, but God's. He made and ordained it through his Son as our Advocate and Saviour. By its gracious arrangements, you inherit a birthright of inestimable value, more to be prized than heirship to an earthly throne. But it may be forfeited and lost. If your parents are faithful in their duty, and if you are obedient and dutiful children, the blessing is sure. There is no power in earth or hell that can wrest it from you. The channel of God's mercy reaches to a thousand generations, unless it be obstructed by unfaithfulness in the parents, or stubbornness in the children. Your parents have given you up to God, according to the tenure of his covenant, and have solemnly vowed, before God and the world, that they will bring you up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. By so doing they have expressed their strong desires that you may be chil-

dren of God, baptized by his Spirit, and made heirs of his kingdom. By this act, and to this end also, they have engaged the prayers and efforts of the Church. Thus a most wise and appropriate provision has been made to secure for you a careful and thorough religious education and training in the school of Christ. When your Creator committed you to their care he wisely required them to give bonds, that you should be brought up for him. Did he not do right? was he not seeking your good? But these things alone will not save you. You can be truant and headstrong if you will; and your adversary the devil is ever ready to take advantage of any wayward inclination to lead you on in the road to death. For this cause, if no other, it is highly important that you be strongly fortified against temptation with the thought that you are the Lord's. He claims you. Your parents have given you to him. Christ's mark is upon you. You must keep with his flock, however small or despised. They have a great and good Shepherd, and he will surely lead them into green pastures and beside still waters. But the forests and mountains and by-ways are full of wild beasts and robbers, and dangerous pit-falls and precipices. We entreat you, dear children, forsake not the God of your fathers, but say to them, "thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Come to Christ now while young. Give him your hearts. He bids you come. In his hands you are safe, but nowhere else. Ratify what your parents have done for you, by subscribing with your own hand to the Lord. If you do not, you nullify your consecration and practically say you will not be the Lords; you break the bonds by which God and your parents have bound you, and take hasty strides in the road to death. We would persuade you to a wiser and safer course. You enjoy privileges which the children of aliens and strangers from the commonwealth of Israel do not enjoy. If not improved they will soon be taken from you. If you leave the family altar with unrenewed hearts, your temptations and dangers will be greatly increased; and if you continue impenitent, and die in your sins, your mis-improved privileges will become like millstones of wrath to sink you below Sodom and Gomorrah in the pit of wo. We entreat you, therefore, dear children of the covenant, be not stout-hearted, but listen to the voice of mercy. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. He hath never said to the seed of Jacob, Seek ye my face in vain. The promises he hath made concerning the seed of his believing people he is faithful to perform. He has loved you and taken you into a covenant relation to himself for your parents' sake. (Rom. 11: 28.) When you shall have chosen this God as your God you will be beloved for your own sakes, and, like them, in your turn, will leave an inheritance to children's children. (Prov. 13: 22.)

"Thus to the parents and their seed
Shall his salvation come,
Till numerous households meet at last
In one eternal home."

Children of the covenant, fail not to meet God's people there.


HARVARD
DIVINITY
SCHOOL
Andover-Harvard
Theological Library

MINUTES

OF NHE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OE

New-Hampshire,

At their Annual Meeting in Keene,

AUGUST 25, 26 & 27,

1857.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. VII. (Numbers from last year's report.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts.			Addition.			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributions				
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Minister's support.	No. Contrib. min. support.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
Colebrook & vicinity,	Vacant.		17	39	56												250	60	80	900
Dalton,	Isaac Esty,	s.s. July, 1857.	8	20	28												150	15	175	807
Lancaster,	Prescott Fay,	P. Feb. 27, 1856.	16	79	95												650	66	175	1700
Stewartstown & vicin.	Joseph B. Hill,	s.s. July 1, 1857.	11	17	28															747
4	3	P. 1.—s.s. 2.—v. 1.	52	155	209															

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION. VIII.

Bedford, Pres. ch.	Thomas Savage,	P. 1826.	46	102	148		2	2	3		4	7		5	5	500	600	60	300	1400
Dunbarton,	John M. Putnam,	P. July 8, 1830.	29	76	105	3		3			3	3				320	470	60	160	915
Goffstown,	John W. Ray,	s.s. 1857.	37	73	110	1	1	2	2			2	1		1	151	700	100	225	2000
Hudson,	Daniel L. French,	s.s. Nov. 1852.	20	40	60	7	1	8	5		2	7	4		4	30	*125		100	1400
Hooksett,	William A. Fobes,	P. Nov. 8, 1855.	9	31	40	2	2	4	3		1	4	1		1	60	500	39	100	1503
Litchfield, Pres. ch.	Ebenezer Newhall,	P. Sept. 27, 1854.	5	13	18						4	4				41	300	10	140	500
Londonderry, Pres. ch.	Vacant.		57	109	166	4		4	2		2	4	1	1	2	164	24	680	73	275	1731
Manchester 1st ch.	Cyrus W. Wallace,	P. Jan. 8, 1840.	88	217	305	14	16	30	9	1	1	11	8	2	10	1150	1200	Pew	600	23,000
Manchester 2d ch. †	Vacant.		57	179	236	5	17	22	22	1	3	26				800	1200	rent.	500	
" Chris. Miss. ch.	Lyman Marshall,	s.s. April, 1856.	8	29	37	6	4	10	1		2	3	2	4	6	30	600	‡	150	
Merrimack,	Edwin J. Hart,	P. Jan. 1, 1856.	57	109	166	10	3	13	3		4	7	4	9	13	190	77	700		250	1350
11	10	P. 7.—s.s. 3.—v. 1.	413	978	1391	52	46	98	50	2	26	78	21	21	42	3437,01		7075	1000	2800	33,799

Without charge—Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent American Bible Society.

* Probably $400; of which $125 is from N. H. Miss. Society. Mr. French reported *only* $125.

† Aaron C. Adams settled July 22, 1857. ‡ $150 from N. H. Miss. Society, and $450 from the City Mission Society.

Alstead 1st ch.				10	25	35				4		3	7						300		29	75	)
Alstead East,	Bezaleel Smith,	P.	June 16, 1852.	42	68	110						1	1				60		370		38	100	1475
Alstead, Paper Mill,				9	18	27				2	1	1	4				14		400		30	70	)
Chesterfield,			about	7	33	40						1	1										1680
Dublin,	Edward F. Abbott,	P.	Dec. 12, 1855.	16	22	38	3	1	4	2		1	3	3	1	4	23	57	400		20	65	1088
Fitzwilliam,	John Woods,	s.s.	1854.	65	99	164	6	3	9	4		5	9	2	6	8	460		500		50	300	1482
Gilsum,	Ezra Adams,	P.	March 19, 1851.	17	28	45	2	3	5	2			2		1	1	85	30	325		37	100	668
Hinsdale,	Moses H. Wells,	P.	May 1, 1856.	41	66	107	5	5	10					2	9	11	182	55	*700		70	125	1500
Jaffrey,	Laban Ainsworth,	P.	Dec. 10, 1782.	34	94	128				3		7	10		2	2	111	16	500		90	145	1497
	Leonard Tenney,	P.	March 19, 1845.																				
Jaffrey East,	George W. Adams,	s.s.		23	41	64		10	10			1	1		1	1	177	38	500			100	
Keene,	Zedekiah S. Barstow,	D.D.	P. July 1, 1818.	69	200	269		3	3	3		6	9		6	6	500		700	200		450	3392
Marlborough,	Giles Lyman,	s.s.	1840.	34	65	99	2	1	3					2	1	3	123	58	338				887
Nelson,	Adonijah H. Cutter,	s.s.	1857.	26	35	61				1			1		1	1	60		400			150	781
Harrisville,	William G. Tuttle,	P.	April 16, 1851.	19	33	52	1	1	2	1		2	3	1		1	105		500		35	120	
Roxbury,	Seth S. Arnold,	s.s.	1856.	7	14	21		2	2	1		2	3				41	61	300			50	200
Stoddard,	Joshua S. Gay,	s.s.	1855.	4	35	39						3	3				15		250		29	100	1105
Sullivan,	Thomas S. Norton,	P.	Feb. 4, 1846.	35	61	96		1	1	6		2	8		2	2	104	82	400		60	120	468
Surry,				2	12	*14																	556
Swanzey,	Elisha Rockwood, D.D.	P.	Nov. 15, 1836.	20	33	53		2	2	1		1	2		2	2	150		325		65	90	2100
Troy,	Luther Townsend,	P.	March 5, 1845.	21	46	67	10	4	14	2		2	4	4		4	83		450		65	140	759
Walpole,	J. M. Stowe,	P.	Jan. 31, 1855.	20	68	88	4	3	7	5	3	2	10		3	3	75		600		70	200	2070
Westmoreland,	Charles Greenwood,	s.s.	1857.	25	53	78				5		3	8				100		500		50	150	
Westmoreland, Evan.	Oscar Bissell,	P.	May 14, 1856.	7	18	25									1	1	45	40	400		28	70	1700
Winchester,	John P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847.	59	116	175		5	5	7		3	10				350		600		82	225	2700
24	21	P. 14.—s.s. 7.—v. 4.		612	1283	1895	33	44	77	49	4	46	99	14	36	50							

Without charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson.

* Parsonage.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION. X.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts.			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributions		No. contrib. minis. sup.	No. of congregation.	Population of the town.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Minister's support.			
Bath,	Silas M. Blanchard,	s.s. April, 1857.	33	77	110	1	6	7			2	2				82				1574
Canaan,	Moses Gerould,	s.s. Aug. 20, 1853.	10	24	34	1	2	3								30			100	2000
Haverhill,	Edward H. Greeley,	P. Nov. 7, 1849.	34	103	*137	10	2	12		1	3	4	9	1	10	329	600		240	2400
Haverhill North,	Vacant.		3	4	7															
Hanover Centre,	John Adams,	s.s. 1857.	36	70	106															2350
Lyme,	Erdix Tenny,	P. Jan. 5, 1831.	135	236	371	10	1	11	1		9	10	5	6	11	730	750		225	1618
Orford East,	Vacant.		45	43	88															
Orford West,	Windsor A. Smith,	s.s. Nov. 1, 1854.	28	65	93				3	2	1	6		2	2	110	*700		150	1400
Piermont,	Increase S. Davis,	s.s. 1840.	60	94	154	1		1	4			4	1		1	60	365		150	948
Wentworth,	Vacant.		8	24	32															1147
10	7	P. 2.—s.s. 5.—v. 3.	392	740	1032	23	11	34	8	3	15	26	15	9	24					

Without charge—Nathan Lord, D.D., Roswell Shurtleff, D.D.

* and Parsonage.

Barrington,	Theodore Wells,	P.	June 11, '1845.	14	28	42				2		2				65		*400			130	1800
Brentwood,	Vacant.			19	42	61										10		600	48		125	935
Dover, st ch.	Elias H. Richardson,	P.	Dec. 10, 1856.	66	251	317	5	3	8	54	8	62	2		2	337	98	1200	120		350	9000
Dover, Belknap ch.	Benjamin F. Parsons,	P.	Sept. 3, 1856.			59	3	10	13				3	2	5	184		850	84		250	
Durham,	Alvan Tobey,	P.	Nov. 20, 1833.	10	48	58					1	1				134	07	650	60		150	1497
Epping,	Vacant.			13	25	38				1		1										1663
Exeter, 1st ch.	Nathaniel Lasell,	P.	June 19, 1856.	47	80	127	9	1	10		3	3	3		3							
Exeter, 2d ch.	Asa Mann,	P.	Nov. 19, 1851.	14	86	100	2	2	4		1	1	1	1	2	450		900	65		175	3500
Great Falls, 1st ch.	George N. Anthony,	P.	18 5.	50	130	180	4	3	7	1	2	3	1	5	6	321	25	1000			450	6000
Great Falls, 2d ch.	Elias Chapman,	s.s.	1857.																			
Greenland,	Edward Robie,	P.	Feb. 25, 1852.	8	36	44		1	1		1	1				134		600	40		100	739
Hampton,	John Colby,	P.	Oct 31, 1855.	51	128	179		2	2	2	3	5		3	3	118	21	800	90		250	1200
Kingston,	John H. Mellish,	P.	Feb. 14, 1855	15	50	65	1		1				1		1	38	05	525				1200
Newcastle,	Lucius Alden,	s.s.	1846.	8	25	33					1	1		5	5	22					175	891
Newmarket,	James M. Palmer,	s.s.	Sept 1, 1855.	19	31	50	7	1	8	2		2	4		4	35		600	20		125	1937
North Hampton,	John Dinsmore,	P.	Nov. 18, 1852.	71	101	172	1		1		3	3	1	3	4	260		600	70		275	750
Portsmouth,	Lyman Whiting,	P.	Nov. 1, 1855.	78	237	315	13	7	20	7	7	14	5	7	12	1277		1500			500	10000
Rochester,	Vacant.					*89										100		600	65		175	3000
Rye,	Israel T. Otis,	P.	Aug. 4, 1847.	30	69	99					1	1		2	2			500			150	1200
Seabrook & Hampton	Falls, Henry A. Lounsbury, P. Feb. 13, '56					*68																1936
Salmon Falls,	Edward E. Atwater,	P.	Feb. 3, 1852.	25	73	98	3	8	11	8		8	2	1	3	206		800	250		175	2000
Newmarket South,	Winthrop Fifield,	s.s.	Feb. 15, 1852.	9	17	26	4		4				4	3	7	78		400	25		85	700
Stratham,	William S. Smith,	s.s	1857.			46	1		1	2	2	4	1		1			600	35		100	800
23	20	P. 15.—s.s. 5.—v. 4.		542	1457	2266	53	38	91	79	33	112	28	32	60							

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION .XII.

Churches.	Ministers.	When settled or employed.	Communic'ts			Additions			Removals.				Baptisms			Contributions		Contributors unite support.	No of congregation	Population of the town.
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Adults	Infants.	Total.	Benevolent objects.	Ministerial support.			
Acworth,	Amos Foster,	P. Feb. 18, 1837.			198	1	4	5	3		2	5	1	5	6				250	
Charlestown,	John G. Wilson,	s.s. 1836.	13	32	45		1	1	3			3				60	12		100	1644
Claremont,	Robert F. Lawrence,	P. Jan. 16, 1839.	63	148	211	11	2	13			4	4	3	1	4	275	700			
Cornish,	Alvah Spaulding,	P. Oct. 1, 1835.	32	52	84	5	2	7	2		1	3	4	1	5	60	400	36	38	1600
Croydon,	Vacant.																			
Dartmouth College,	John Richards, D.D.	P April 2, 1812.	86	133	219	5	2	7	9		5	14	2		2	450	825	80	400	2350
Goshen,	Henry Richardson,	s.s. March, 1839.	19	34	53				1			1				39	44	300	30	65	
Langdon,	Vacant.																			
Lebanon,	Charles A. Downs,	P. Nov. 22, 1849.	48	99	147	3	8	11	2		3	5	2	10	12		720		175	2200
Lempster,	Robert W. Fuller,	s.s. 1837.	30	46	76		1	1			1	1		1	1	55	300*	45		
Lempster, 2d ch.	Vacant.																			
Meriden,	Amos Blanchard,	P. Jan. 8, 1840.	40	59	99	3	1	4	10	1	2	13	2	3	5	250	500		300	1392
Newport,	Henry Cummings,	P. July 16, 1851.	86	157	243	1	4	5	4		1	5		1	1	300	700	114	350	2020
Plainfield,	Jacob Scales,	s.s. 1843.	7	27	34											40	205	27	65	p500
Unity,	Vacant.																			
Washington,	John F. Griswold,	s.s. 1845.	6	28	34						1	1					300		100	1000
West Lebanon,	Rufus Case,	P. June 26, 1851.	40	65	105	35	7	42	2		1	3	13	7	20	227	87	650	170	2200
17	13	P. 8 —s.s. 5.—v. 4.	470	880	1548	64	32	96	36	1	21	58	27	29	56	1757	43			

Without charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D.D., John N. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover, s.s. at Weathersfield, Vt.; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden; Charles B. Haddock, West Lebanon; Licentiate, Charles S. Richards, Meriden.

* and Parsonage.

SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION. XIII.

Pittsfield,	James A. Hood,	P.	Dec. 12, 1854.	73	131	204	33	5	38	1	4	5	20	2	22	175	*650	85	250	1850
Northwood,	Otis Holmes,	P.	Jan. 1, 1850.	50	84	134	43	2	45	1	1		23	1	24	40	475		150	1300
Chichester,	Joshua S. Gay,	s.s.	Aug. 1857.	39	50	89	2		2	1	5	6				46	400	60	93	997
Gilmanton Iron Wks.,	Jairus Ordway,	s.s.		38	64	102	1	1	2	6	1	7				67	400	57	100	3282
Loudon 1st,	Enoch H. Caswell,	s.s.		24	61	85	4		4	1	2	3	2	1	3	10	400	40	85	1552
Loudon 2d,	Vacant.			13	32	45		1	1							40	400	40	75	
Nottingham,	Vacant.																			1268
Epsom,	Charles Willey,	s.s.	1857.	34	66	100	See former minutes.													1366
8	6	P. 2.—s.s. 4.—v. 2.		271	488	759	83	9	92	10	12	22	45	4	49	378	2725	282	703	

UNION ASSOCIATION. XIV.

Antrim, Presbyterian,	John H. Bates,	P.	March, 1853.	51	105	156	1	3	4	3	3	6	1	2	3	200	500			1100
Bennington, Presby.	Vacant.					*40														541
Hancock,	Asahel Bigelow,	P.	May, 1850.	68	127	195	3	1	4	3	2	5	2	3	5	355	500			1060
Deering,	Vacant.			12	23	*35	1	2	3		3	3	1	3	4	23	400	45	0	890
Hillsborough Centre,	Vacant.					*70										35	350	00	50	
Hillsborough Bridge,	Henry Bricket,	s.s.		18	33	*51											310			1685
Bennington,	Daniel McClenning,	s.s.		8	32	40										80	250	36	00	600
Greenfield, 1st ch.	John LeBosquet,	P.	Nov. 1849.	34	69	103	1		1		1	1		4	4	72	400	55	125	716
Greenfield, Evan. ch.	Jonathan McGee,	s.s.		47	70	117				3	2	5							125	
Francestown,	Lathrop Taylor,	P.	Nov. 1851.	101	197	298	3	4	7	11	3	14	1	6	7	433	820		550	1100
New Boston,	Elliot C. Cogswell,	P.	Oct 1855.	65	160	165	2	5	7	4	8	12	2	5	7		650	200	275	1700
Lyndeborough,	Erastus B. Chggett,	P.	Sept. 1846.			90	5		5	5	2	7		6	6	144	500		130	968
Peterborough,	Alfred Goldsmith,	s.s.	1857.	No return.																
12	10	P. 5.—s.s. 5.—v. 2.		404	756	1320	16	15	31	29	24	53	7	29	36					

* and Parsonage.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Communicants.	Additions. Prof.	Additions, Let.	Total added.	Removals.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Vacancies.
Belknap,	16	11	1220	30	25	55	50	17	22	8	3	4
Caledonia,	3	2	176	Last Report.						1	1	
Derry,	13	13	1714	72	7	79	51	37	27	8	4	1
Harmony,	14	8	736	13	8	21	32	3	5	1	7	6
Hollis,	16	15	3090	40	55	95	116	17	25	12	3	1
Hopkinton,	19	14	2371	110	49	159	75	47	44	13	1	5
Lancaster,	4	3	207	Last year's report.						1	2	1
Manchester,	11	10	1391	52	46	98	78	21	21	7	3	1
Monadnock,	24	21	1895	33	44	77	99	14	36	14	7	4
Orange,	10	7	1132	23	11	34	26	15	9	2	5	3
Piscataqua,	23	20	2266	53	38	91	112	28	32	15	5	4
Sullivan,	17	13	1548	64	32	96	58	27	29	8	5	4
Suncook,	8	5	759	83	9	92	22	45	4	2	3	3
Union,	12	10	1320	16	15	31	53	7	29	5	5	2
14	190	152	19,838	589	339	928	772	278	283	97	54	39

CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap,	WILLIAM R. JEWETT.
Caledonia,	
Derry,	EBENEZER G. PARSONS.
Harmony,	STEPHEN MERRILL.
Hollis,	DANIEL GOODWIN.
Hopkinton,	AMBROSE SMITH.
Lancaster,	JOSEPH B. HILL.
Manchester,	THOMAS P. SAWIN.
Monadnock,	JOHN P. HUMPHREY.
Orange,	ERDIX TENNY.
Piscataqua,	EDWARD ROBIE.
Sullivan,	HENRY CUMMINGS.
Suncook,	OTIS HOLMES.
Union,	JONATHAN McGEE.

The Alphabetical Catalogue has been prepared with much care and labor, and the Statistics revised and corrected as far as possible.

ALPHABETICAL CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational Ministers of New Hampshire.

The Numbers refer to District Associations.

Abbott, Edward F.,	9	*Dublin.*
Adams, Ezra	9	*Gilsum.*
Adams, George W.	9	*Jaffrey East.*
Adams, John	10	*Hanover Centre.*
Ainsworth, Laban	9	*Jaffrey.*
Alden, Lucius	11	*New Castle.*
Angier, Marshall B.	6	*Hopkinton.*
Anthony, George N.	11	*Great Falls.*
Arnold, Seth S.	9	*Roxbury*
Atwater, Edward E.	11	*Salmon Falls.*
Austin, Samuel J.	5	*Mason Village.*
Bates, John H.	14	*Antrim.*
Barker, Nathaniel	11	*Wakefield.*
Bartley, John M. C.	3	*Harrpstead.*
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D.	9	*Keene.*
Benson, Almon	1	*Centre Harbor.*
Bigelow, Asahel	14	*Hancock.*
Bissell, Oscar	9	*Westmoreland.*
Blanchard, Amos	12	*Meriden.*
Blanchard, Silas M.	10	*Bath.*
Bodwell, Abraham	1	*Sanbornton.*
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D.	5	*Concord.*
Boutwell, James	1	*Sanbornton.*
Bradford, Dana B.	11	*Raymond.*
Brickett, Henry	8	*Merrimack.*
Brown, Samuel G., D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Burnham, Amos W.	5	*Rindge.*
Burnham, Charles	1	*Meredith.*
Buxton, Edward	5	*Boscawen, West.*
Case, Rufus	12	*West Lebanon.*
Caswell, Enoch H.	13	*Loudon.*
Chapman, Elias	11	*Great Falls.*
Clark, John	6	*Bristol.*
Clark, Sumner	4	*Wolfboro'.*
Clark, William	5	*Amherst.*
Claggett, Erastus B.	14	*Lyndeborough.*
Cogswell Elliot C.	14	*New Boston.*
Colby, John	11	*Hampton.*
Conant, Liba	1	*Hebron.*
Condit, Uzal W.	3	*Deerfield.*

Corser, Enoch	5	*Boscawen.*
Cummings, Jacob	11	*Exeter.*
Cummings, Henry	12	*Newport.*
Curtice, Corban	6	*Sanbornton Bridge.*
Cutter, Adonijah H.	9	*Nelson.*
Davis, Increase S.	10	*Wentworth.*
Davis, Josiah G.	5	*Amherst.*
Day, Pliny B.	5	*Hollis.*
Dinsmore, John	11	*North Hampton.*
Dodge, Joshua	4	*Moultonboro'.*
Doldt, James	4	*Milton.*
Downs, Charles A.	12	*Lebanon.*
Eaton, Joseph M. R.	6	*Henniker.*
Emerson, Noah	5	*Hollis.*
Farwell, John E.	3	*Pelham.*
Fay, Prescott	7	*Lancaster.*
Fifield, Winthrop	11	*South Newmarket.*
Fiske, Albert W.	6	*Fisherville.*
Fobes, William A.	8	*Hooksett.*
Follett, Walter	5	*Temple.*
Foster, Amos	12	*Acworth.*
French, Daniel L.	8	*Hudson.*
Fuller, Robert W.	12	*Lempster.*
Gay, Joshua S.	9	*Stoddard now at Chichester.*
George, Enos	1	*Barnstead.*
Gerould, Moses	10	*Canaan.*
Goldsmith, Alfred	14	*Peterboro'.*
Goodhue, Daniel	1	*Danbury.*
Goodrich, Lewis	6	*Pembroke.*
Goodwin, Daniel	5	*Mason.*
Goodyear, George	9	*Temple.*
Greeley, Edward H.	10	*Haverhill.*
Greenwood, Charles	9	*Westmoreland.*
Griswold, John F.	12	*Washington.*
Haddock, Charles B., D. D.	12	*West Lebanon.*
Hall, Thomas	2	*Franconia.*
Hart, Edwin J.	8	*Merrimack.*
Herrick, William T.	3	*Candia.*
Hidden, Ephraim N.	3	*Derry.*
Hill, Joseph B.	7	*Stewartstown.*
Hill, Charles J.	5	*Nashua.*
Hills, James	5	*Hollis.*
Holmes, James	3	*Auburn.*
Holmes, Otis	13	*Northwood.*
Hood, James A.	13	*Pittsfield.*
Howland, Harrison O.	3	*Chester.*
Humphrey, John P.	9	*Winchester.*
Jewett, John E. B.	9	*Jaffrey.*
Jewett, Leonard	5	*Hollis.*

Jewett, William R.	1	*Plymouth.*
Jordan, William	5	*Wilton.*
Kendall, Henry A.	6	*Concord.*
Kellogg, Erastus M.	5	*Nashua.*
Kimball, David	12	*Hanover.*
Kimball, Reuben	4	*Conway.*
Kingsbury, Samuel	4	*Tamworth.*
Lasell, Nathaniel	11	*Exeter.*
Lawrence, Robert F.	12	*Claremont.*
LeBosquet, John	14	*Greenfield.*
Lee, Samue	5	*New Ipswich.*
Leffingwell Marvin	11	*Wakefield.*
Lord, Charles E.	5	*Mont Vernon.*
Lord, Nathan, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
Lounsbury, Henry A.	11	*Hampton Falls.*
Lyman, Giles	9	*Marlboro'.*
McClenning, Daniel	14	*Bennington.*
McGee, Jonathan	14	*Greenfield.*
Mann, Asa	11	*Exeter.*
Manning, Abel	1	*Gilmanton, East.*
Marshall, Lyman	8	*Manchester.*
Mellish, John H.	11	*Kingston.*
Merrill, John H.	4	*Tamworth.*
Merrill, Stephen	4	*Wolfboro'.*
Moody, Howard	6	*Canterbury.*
Moore, Humphrey, D. D.	5	*Milford.*
Newell, Gad	9	*Nelson.*
Newhall, Ebenezer	8	*Litchfield.*
Norton, Thomas S.	9	*Sullivan.*
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Otis, Israel T.	11	*Rye.*
Page, Jesse	3	*Atkinson.*
Page, William	3	*Salem.*
Palmer, James M.	11	*Newmarket.*
Parker, Henry E.	6	*Concord.*
Parsons, Benjamin F.	11	*Dover.*
Parsons, Ebenezer G.	3	*Derry.*
Patrick, William	6	*Canterbury.*
Price, Ebenezer	6	*Boscawen West.*
Putnam, John M.	8	*Dunbarton.*
Putnam, John N.	12	*Hanover.*
Ray, John W.	8	*Merrimack.*
Richards, Austin	5	*Nashua.*
Richards, Cyrus S.	12	*Meriden.*
Richards, John, D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Richardson, Elias H.	11	*Dover.*
Richardson, Henry	12	*Goshen.*
Robie, Edward	11	*Greenland.*

Rockwood, Elisha, D. D.	9	*Swanzey.*
Rowe, Elihu T.	12	*Meriden.*
Russell, Carey	6	*Bradford.*
Russell, William	5	*New Ipswich.*
Sargent, Roger M.	1	*Gilmanton.*
Savage, Thomas	8	*Bedford.*
Savage, William T.	6	*Franklin.*
Sawin, Thomas P.	5	*Brookline.*
Sawyer, Daniel	5	*South Merrimack.*
Scales, Jacob	12	*Plainfield.*
Shepard, John W.	5	*Nashua.*
Shurtleff, Roswell, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
Smith, Ambrose	6	*Boscawen.*
Smith, Bezaleel	9	*East Alstead.*
Smith, William S.	11	*Stratham.*
Smith, Windsor A.	10	*Orford.*
Spaulding, Alva	12	*Cornish.*
Stebbins, Milan C.	5	*Nashua.*
Stone, Benjamin P., D. D.	6	*Concord.*
Stowe, John M.	9	*Walpole.*
Taylor, Lathrop	14	*Francestown.*
Tappan, Daniel D.	4	*Farmington.*
Tenney, Asa P.	6	*Concord, West.*
Tenney, Charles	3	*Plaistow.*
Tenny, Erdix	10	*Lyme.*
Tenney, Leonard	9	*Jaffrey.*
Thayer, Loren	3	*Windham.*
Tobey, Alvan	11	*Durham.*
Townsend, Luther	9	*Troy.*
Tuttle, William G.	9	*Harrisville.*
Wallace, Cyrus W.	8	*Manchester.*
Wells, Moses H.	9	*Hinsdale.*
Wells, Nathaniel	3	*Deerfield.*
Wells, Theodore	11	*Barrington.*
Whiting, Lyman	11	*Portsmouth.*
Willey, Charles	13	*Epsom.*
Willey, Isaac	8	*Goffstown.*
Wilson, John G.	12	*Charlestown.*
Wood, Horace	4	*Ossipee.*
Woods, John	9	*Fitzwilliam.*
Young, John K.	1	*Laconia.*

PLAN

Recommended by the General Association

FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	*Tract.‡*	*Education*.*	*Home Miss.*	*Bible Society.*	*For. Missions.*	*Seamen.†*
Strafford, Bel. & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.
Cheshire & Sullivan,	Dec. Jan.	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug. Sept.	Oct. Nov.
Grafton & Coos,	Feb. March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, Sept.	Oct. Nov.	Dec. Jan.

*Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. † American and Foreign Christian Union.

NOTE—The Secretary gives notice that the Church and Society in Hampton have invited the Association to meet there next year—Rev. JOHN COLBY, Pastor.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

HELD AT HAMPTON,

AUGUST 24, 25 & 26, 1858.

HANOVER:
KIMBALL'S JOB AND POWER PRESS.
1858.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT HAMPTON,

AUGUST 24, 25 & 26, 1858.

HANOVER:
PRINTED AT THE DARTMOUTH PRESS.
1858.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire met at the Congregational Church in Hampton, on Tuesday, August 24, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a Concio ad Clerum, by Rev. John H. Merrill of Tamworth, from 1 Peter, 4: 13, and 2 Cor. 1: 5.

After sermon the Preacher took the Chair. Credentials of Delegates from the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were presented, and the following names were enrolled as members of this Association.

Associations.	Delegates.
Belknap,	William R. Jewett, James Boutwell.
Caledonia,	None.
Derry,	William T. Herrick, Uzal W. Condit.
Harmony,	Reuben Kimball, John H. Merrill.
Hollis,	Josiah G. Davis, Pliny B. Day, Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton,	Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., Joseph M. R. Eaton.
Lancaster,	None.
Manchester,	Ebenezer Newhall, Thomas Savage.
Monadnock,	Moses H. Wells, John P. Humphrey, Thomas S. Norton, Oscar Bissell.
Orange,	Windsor A. Smith.
Piscataqua,	Jacob Cummings, Asa Mann, Alvan Tobey, Winthrop Fifield.
Sullivan,	John Richards, D. D., Elihu T. Rowe.
Union,	None.

Ex Officio, John K. Young, *Secretary.*
John Colby, *Pastor of the Church.*
General Conference of Maine, Rev. Charles Packard, of New Gloucester.
General Convention of Vermont, Rev. David Green.
General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Rowland Ayres.
General Association of Connecticut, Rev. J. A. McKinstrey.
General Association of Illinois, Rev. J. H. Johnson.

General Association of Iowa, Rev. William Salter.
Congregational Conference of Ohio, Rev. Solomon P. Fay.
General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. B. Beckwith.
New Hampshire Baptist State Convention, Rev. C. W. Flanders.
New Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. S. Holman.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. Bouton, Moderator; Rev. W. A. Smith, Scribe, and Rev. W. R. Jewett, Assistant Scribe.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary, and prayer for the Divine direction was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Day and Colby were appointed a Committee of Overtures and Nominations.

Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Green of Vermont, and McKinstry of Connecticut, were appointed a Committee to receive the Narratives on the State of Religion, and report thereon.

Voted, that the sessions of the Association commence at 8, A. M., and at 1 P. M.

Adjourned to 1½, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was received from the delegate of the General Association of Michigan, which was passed to the Committee of Overtures. The report of the Executive Committee of the Widows' Charitable Fund was presented, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Rev. Messrs. N. Bouton, D. D., A. W. Burnham, D. D., J. H. Merrill, J. K. Young, A. Richards, T. Savage, J. Woods, N. Lord, D. D., A. Bodwell, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., and L. Whiting, were appointed a committee to certify the regular standing of ministers and licentates travelling beyond the bounds of this State.

The hour for public services having arrived, after singing and prayer, reports of the State of Religion in the District Associations and Foreign Bodies were read by the delegates, followed with remarks by Rev. Mr. Whiting of Portsmouth.

The Committee of Overtures nominated the following committees, which were accepted.

On Publication, Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, W. A. Smith, D. Kimball, and J. Richards, D. D.

To answer the communication from Michigan, Rev. Messrs. A. Tobey, and S. Lee.

To take into consideration a communication on Sabbath Schools, Rev. Messrs. W. R. Jewett, U. W. Condit, L. Marshall, N. Bouton, D. D., M. H. Wells, E. T. Rowe, J. Cummings, and J. H. Merrill.

Rev. J. H. Merrill was appointed Secretary of Sabbath Schools.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Fifield.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. James Boutwell, the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter, was requested to prepare the same, and send it to the Secretary for Publication in the Minutes.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minntes.

Voted, that a tax of 50 cents be assessed upon each member of the District Associations.

Rev. A. P. Tenney was re-elected Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Bouton Auditor.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a separation of the Congregationalists and Presbyterians in the Home Missionary work, presented a report, which was accepted, and laid on the table.

A communication was received from the church of Boscawen. inviting the Association to meet at that place next year, where its first meeting was held, to observe its semi-centennial anniversary.

Voted, that the invitation be accepted, and the Secretary be requested to answer the communication. Rev. Messrs. J. K.

Young, A. Smith, L. Whiting, Dr. Bouton, and A. P. Tenney were appointed a committee of arrangements for the meeting, and requested to prepare an order of exercises. Rev. Dr. Bouton was requested to prepare a historical discourse for the occasion.

The Statistical Secretary addressed the Association on the importance of accurate statistics, and of more efficient efforts to obtain them.

Rev. Messrs. Davis, J. Richards, D. D., and Quint of Massachusetts, were appointed a committee to report a plan for obtaining accurate statistical reports. Said committee reported the following, which was adopted.

I. The Statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out, according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers on the 1st of August past.

II. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment; he shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribe of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form and properly combined in a summary at each session of the General Association; he shall superintend their printing; shall be a member *ex officio* of this body, and of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence, and attendance on the meetings of this body.

III. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association; in case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

The Committee recommend that the schedule already in use be continued for the present.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch of the American Education Soci-

ety. The reports of the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Richards, and of the Treasurer, Hon. Samuel Morrill were heard, and addresses were made by Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of the American Education Society at Boston, and Rev. Dr. A. D. Smith of New York.

At 11 o'clock the Sabbath School anniversary was held. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Richardson, Rev. J. H. Merrill, the Secretary, presented the annual report for the State. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Whiting of Portsmouth, Rev. Mr. Eaton of Henniker, and Rev. A. Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts S. S. Society.

Adjourned to 1½, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

A communication was received from Rev. Mr. Powis, delegate from the Congregational Union of Canada; which was referred to the delegate from this body to answer by correspondence or in person.

The Committee of nominations recommended the following delegates to Foreign Bodies, who were appointed.

To the General Conference of Maine,

Primaries.	Substitutes.
Rev. J. H. Merrill,	Rev. E. G. Parsons,

To the General Convention of Vermont,

Rev. Rufus Case,	Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.

To the General Association of Massachusetts,

Rev. J. G. Davis,	Rev. E. H. Richardson.

To the General Association of Connecticut,

Rev. B. Smith,	Rev. J. G. Davis.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island,

Rev. I. Willey,	Rev. G. Lyman.

To the General Association of New York,

Rev. Edward Robie,	Rev. P. B. Day.

To the General Conference of Ohio,

Rev. R. M. Sargent,	Rev. J. Holmes.

To the General Association of Michigan,

Rev. A. Bigelow,	Rev. D. Goodwin.

To the General Association of Wisconsin,
Rev. C. Willey, Rev. A. Benson.
To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa,
Rev. Asa Mann, Rev. J. Colby.
To the General Association of Minnesota,
Rev. J. H. Mellish, Rev. D. D. Tappan.
To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church.
Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. W. A. Smith.
To the General Synod of the Evan. Lutheran Ch.
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Rev. H. E. Parker.
To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting,
Rev. H. Moody, Rev. A. Foster.
To the New Hampshire Methodist Conference,
Rev. James Doldt, Rev. Charles Burnham.
To the New Hampshire Baptist Convention,
Rev. M. Gerould, Rev. J. M. Palmer.
To the Canada Congregational Union,
Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, Rev. E. Tenny.

Rev. Messrs. A. Mann and J. McGee were appointed to prepare a Pastoral Letter for the next year.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., was appointed Preacher for the Communion next year, and Rev. J. P. Humphrey substitute.

The Committee on the communication of the delegate from Michigan reported as follows :

We respectfully recommend that the Secretary of this Association be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of their letter and express our regret that we were not represented at their last annual meeting. Also, that we recommend that delegates to corresponding Bodies, if unable to attend personally, be instructed to address by letter those to whom they are sent.

The report was adopted.

Voted, That if the delegate and substitute to any corresponding Body be unable to attend the meetings to which they were appointed, they may be empowered to appoint a substitute.

Rev. J. Richards, D. D., and Rev. L. Dimick, D. D., were requested to officiate at the Communion to-morrow.

Voted, That the Hollis Association furnish the Preacher for the next Meeting of the Association.

Several delegates to Foreign Bodies reported attendance.

The Association gave place to the Anniversary of the New Hampshire Bible Society. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Green. The reports of the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Stone, and of the Secretary, Rev. I. Willey, were read. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Brigham, Secretary of the American Bible Society, of New York, Rev. Mr. Hanks, Secretary of the Seaman's Friend Society, and Rev. Dr. Haven, of Boston.

The Association resumed business.

The following resolution in reference to the action of the Tract Society was adopted.

Resolved, That the recent action of the Tract Society at Boston meets with our hearty approval, and we especially commend the Society to the confidence and support of our churches.

The Committee appointed at the lastmeeting of the General Association to report upon the proper treatment of church members, who, after long absence, and location near sister churches, decline transferring their membership, submitted a report, in which they discussed the necessity, the right and the feasibility of such action as the churches are empowered to employ ; and concluded by recommending to the churches in connection with this body, the adoption of the following resloutions, which the Association unanimously approved :—

Resolved, 1. That it is the duty of ministers to instruct their hearers respecting the laws of Christ's house ; especially to insist upon the supreme and unchanging authority of those Covenant engagements which bind the professing people of God, to avow their attachment to Christ and their readiness to co-operate with the friends of the Redeemer wherever they may reside ; – avoiding carefully the too common idea, that their engagements to a particular church are distinct from, or superior to, their obligations to Christ and the interests of his kingdom.

2. It is the duty of churches to remind absent members of their obligation and privilege to unite with sister churches and walk in fellowship with them. For this purpose we recommend the employment of a circular which shall be printed for the use of such churches as may adopt them.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT HAMPTON,

AUGUST 24, 25 & 26, 1858.

HANOVER:
PRINTED AT THE DARTMOUTH PRESS.
1858.

Resolved, That we, the Congregational Ministers of New Hampshire, feel called upon to renew the early efforts in the modes of that time, to persuade men from intemperance, by preaching upon the sin of it, by constantly making mention of it in the prayers of the sanctuary, and by occasional lectures and neighborhood meetings, to the end that we may encourage and stimulate all good men in this blessed work.

Resolved, That, grateful for our personal freedom from the debasing vice of using tobacco, we will cordially aid all other bodies of ministers in attaining the like blessed freedom from such ' spots in their feasts of charity.'

At 10 o'clock, Association gave place to the Anniversary of the New Hampshire Domestic Missionary Society. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Dimick, of Newburyport. Rev. Dr. Stone, the Secretary, presented his Report and a Sermon was preached by Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., a delegate from the American Home Missionary Society.

Association resumed business.

Voted, That 500 copies of the Minutes and such Circulars as the Publishing Committee may authorize, be printed.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be given, through the Pastor of this Church, to the people of this place, of all denominations, for their generous hospitality to us during this meeting.

Resolved, That the fellowship and prosperity of the churches would be promoted by the public reading of the Pastoral Letter and other religious reports of this body in our Sabbath Assemblies.

Voted, to adjourn after the Communion services this afternoon.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to 1½, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Sermon before Communion was preached by Rev. Henry E. Parker, from 2 Cor. 5 : 14. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Drs. Dimick and Richards.

After the Communion services the Association adjourned, *sine die*. NATHANIEL BOUTON, MODERATOR.

WINDSOR A. SMITH, SCRIBE.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, ASSISTANT SCRIBE.

NARRATIVE OF RELIGION.

The circumstances in which we are now assembled are such as should fill each heart with gratitude, and every mouth with praise. Never before during the half century of our existence as a General Association which is about to close have we come together laden with so rich a blessing. From the sea coast to the river, among the mountains and in the valleys, almost every place has been made solemn by the presence of Jehovah our God. The heavy sigh, the rolling tear, the unfeigned confession, the humble prayer, grateful praise, and joyful thanksgiving, these have been among our experiences on earth, and they have been reported by the angels in heaven; and to-day we come with humble reverence before him who hath wrought for us, and through us, and say, 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.'

For many years past a large part of our Commonwealth has experienced the withering influences of sin, out of the church, and too often in the church, and a consumption which seemed to be decreed was apparently hastening the end of many of our churches. While this state of things was pressing upon our attention, 'by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion.' But 'when the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.'

Some notice will now be taken of the work of God in the several district Associations.

Derry Association. A number of the churches have enjoyed seasons of religious interest, and conversions have occurred in nearly all the congregations. In all the communities, with one or two exceptions, the kingdom of Christ seems to have come with increasing power.

Harmony Association. There are fourteen churches with only one pastor, while seven have stated supplies. Several of these churches are reported as having enjoyed an unusual degree of the spirit's influences, and additions have been made so that now the whole number of members is thirty-five more than it was one year ago.

Hollis Association. Three hundred and fifty-six have been added to the sixteen churches connected with this Association during the year, and many more are to be received on the first Sabbath of the next month. The additions have varied from two to sixty-four, the smallest number having been added to the church in Temple and the largest to the First church in Nashua. In Brookline the increase of members has been sixty-two per cent., the number having gone up from forty-four to sixty-nine. During the year immediately preceding the one now reported the entire membership within the bounds of the Association was diminished by twenty-one, while the increase of the past year has been one hundred and sixty-nine. The report says, "Nearly every church has shared more or less in the shower of mercy which has passed over our land. Where the number of converts has not been considerable new family altars have been erected, and the fire on old ones rekindled, and the church received new impulses on her heavenward course. Altogether the records of the Association do not bear testimony to such triumphs of grace as have been wit-

nessed during the past year." The following are the churches which have shared mostly in the blessed work. Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Mason, Milford, Olive St., First, and Pearl St. churches, Nashua, First and Second churches, New-Ipswich, Mont Vernon, and Rindge. The number of conversions within the bounds of the Association during the year is about four hundred, and the number in the whole county of Hillsboro', as reported at the county Conference last June is about seven hundred.

Hopkinton Association. The report states that "all the churches have shared more or less in the revival spirit which has so widely pervaded our land, while in some the tokens of God's presence, and the fruits of his spirit have been very precious and abundant. With us the glorious work of God has not been a transient shower so much as a continual rain. In connection with special religious services proposed by the county Conference, and adopted last Autumn and Winter, members of our churches were much quickened, and considerable numbers in our congregations were converted. Subsequently, as in other places, an unusual spirit of grace and supplication was poured out; meetings for prayer became frequent, attended by large numbers; Sabbath assemblies were full, attentive and solemn. A new unction was given to ministers, and both brethren and sisters in the churches were animated with new life and energy in the cause of the blessed Master." There have been about 280 conversions. The churches most highly favored are at Boscawen West, Concord First, South, and West, Franklin, Henniker, Pembroke, Sanbornton Bridge, and Bradford, this last church being without a pastor. "In Boscawen West, several aged men were subjects of the work, and in Franklin God's grace has been singularly triumphant, in the conversion among others, of men of mature age and commanding influence." "One result of this happy state of things in our churches is, a number of pious young men have turned their attention to studies with a view to the ministry."

Lancaster Association. No report has been received from this body, but we are enabled to say that several of the churches have shared, and some of them largely, in the blessings of God's mercy. We are happy to record it to the praise of divine grace, and with many and heartfelt thanks to a favored steward of that grace, that seven young men from the Andover Theological Seminary spent six weeks, laboring faithfully and successfully in our northern waste places, two of them being in Vt., and five in New-Hampshire. These brethren were sustained in the field by the beneficence of a gentleman in Boston. Thirty-eight hopeful conversions occurred in connection with their labors; but the whole amount of good resulting can be measured only in the lengthening ages of eternity.

Manchester Association. There have been 120 additions, 50 of which were to the First church in Manchester. Some 60 conversions are reported in connection with this church Though this is the largest number reported from any one place, yet several smaller societies have been more richly blessed then they in proportion to their numbers. The Presbyterian church at Londonderry have received the gift of a pastor, and an addition of 16 members during the year. Twenty have been added to the Christian Mission Church at Manchester; 11 to the church in Merrimack; 10 to the Presbyterian church in Bedford, and smaller numbers to other churches. The people of God in Dunbarton prayed, and labored and waited *six weeks* before so much as the little cloud appeared. During all this time the members of the choir of singers were made special subjects of prayer. The faith of some began to waver, but the Pastor said to them, *Go again seven times*, and as they looked, the cloud arose. A member of the choir came into the meeting, and in person sought an interest in the prayers of God's people. The cloud of mercy now overshadowed them and

poured down abundance of rain. Nearly all the choir were made partakers of the rich blessing.

Monadnock Association. Two aged members of this Association have been removed by death. Rev. Laban Ainsworth, Pastor of the church in Jaffrey, went to his rest on Wednesday, March 17, at the great age of 100 years, 7 months and 28 days. He sustained the pastoral relation at Jaffrey, where he was settled Dec. 10, 1782, for more than 75 years. During nearly half a century he was without a colleague. His last colleague, Rev Leonard Tenney, says, "He manifested the kindness of a father, with the forbearance and courtesy of a constant friend." "He discovered such perfect holiness in his Maker, and so much imperfection in himself, that he thought, should he ever be admitted into the home of the holy, it would be through the infinite riches of Divine grace, in Christ Jesus. When his memory became so enfeebled that he could not recall the names of his nearest kindred, nor recognize the countenances of his most familiar friends, he did not forget the name of Jesus, nor did he cease to speak of him in the language of affection. His end was peace. On the Saturday before his death, he led the devotions of the family in prayer. The day before his death he listened with eagerness to the 90th and 103d Psalms. From that time he remained in a state of perfect quietness through the following night, when at 6 o'clock in the morning, without the least manifestation of pain, he fell asleep."

Rev. Elisha Rockwood, D. D., died at Swanzey, June 15, at the advanced age of 80 years. He was in the ministry more than half a century. The first 26 years and a half of his ministerial labor were spent in Westboro', Ms., where he enjoyed several revivals of religion. He received to the two churches of which he was Pastor, 410 members; administered the rite of Baptism to 517 individuals, and solemnized 289 marriages. He was an eminently good man, and a faithful minister of the gospel.

The churches of this Association report an increased degree of religious interest, and more or less hopeful conversions.

Orange Association. The Holy Spirit has been present in all the churches; about 100 have been added during the year. Among the churches more highly favored are Haverhill, Hanover Centre, Lyme, Wentworth, and Bath. In Haverhill, without a Pastor, the number of hopeful conversions has exceeded 50; 26 have been received to the church. At Hanover Centre about 30 indulge hope. Eighteen have been added to the church at Bath. At Wentworth the work has been exceedingly interesting, effecting a great change in the community, in such a way as to show that the power is of God.

Piscataqua Association. There have been 276 additions to the churches, and a gain of 136. Rochester, Dover, Great Falls, New Market, Exeter, North Hampton, Hampton, Rye, and Portsmouth have rejoiced in the hopeful conversion of many. The church in Hampton have experienced a great blessing; 75 are hoping in the mercy of God, and 56 have been received into the communion of the church. There have been about as many more conversions in connection with the other evangelical churches in the town. For several years this Association have been engaged in missionary efforts in the destitute portions of their own territory, and with happy results.

Sullivan Association. All the churches have felt the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit in some degree, and some have been largely favored.

Suncook Association. At Epsom 40 or more hope in the mercy of God, mostly among the young; but one is a man, 73 years old, a brand plucked from the burning. At Pittsfield much interest exists among the young.—

A prayer meeting has been sustained many months by the little girls, 2 of whom, 12 years of age, have united with the church.

UNION ASSOCIATION Was not reported. Some of the churches have enjoyed interesting revivals, while nearly all have experienced more than is usual the Spirit's influences.

The history of God's dealings with us the past year impresses deeply upon our minds the conviction that the Sabbath School is the nursery of the church. Most of our Sabbath Schools have shared largely in the work of grace, some brief record of which we have now made. Some of the converts are quite young children. We have not time to embody in our Narrative all the interesting facts brought before us in the reports from the District Associations. To some, however, we must allude. The Sabbath School connected with the First Church in Nashua, numbers 458, which is an increase of 239 during the year. There have been 79 hopeful conversions in the School; of whom 50 have united with the church. There have been conversions in 19 classes. In Hanover, a lady collected 40 boys into a Sabbath School, and has secured for them a Sabbath Library of 300 volumes, and a week day Library of 150 volumes, with printed Catalogues. Through the blessing of God, her efforts have wrought a great change in this School. Some of them have united with the church. Another has collected a school of girls for the same blessed purpose. In many other places, numbers have been gathered into the Sabbath School, and into the fold of Christ.

Before closing this Narrative, we wish to record the goodness of God to our Institutions of learning. The Pastor of the church at Dartmouth College says, At the commencement of the Spring Term, there were decided evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit among the students in his awakening influences. The College Faculty seemed imbued with the holy flame. The stated meetings of the church were filled up, and others instituted, till each evening of the week was appropriated. The students held daily prayer meetings in College, besides three public evening prayer meetings in the church vestry, and also others in private houses. These meetings were well attended for four months. The hopeful conversions were about 60, of whom half were students. Thirty have united with the church.—A work of grace has been experienced in Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden. More than 40 obtained hope in Christ.—In Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, 30 were hopefully converted. In other Academies and schools, like precious blessings have been enjoyed.

The Great Awakening, as it has been experienced among us, is evidently the work of God, and in many instances, it has worn such remarkable features as to silence, and even subdue many cavilers. The prominent means employed have been prayer, exhortation and personal persuasion. These, with increased spirituality in the ordinary ministrations of the pulpit, God has blessed in such a way as proves that the power is his, and his be all the glory.

Facts of deep and thrilling interest were communicated by the Delegates from the various Foreign Bodies in correspondence with us. The Narrative of the state of religion in the Presbyterian Church says—"This Pentecostal season manifested itself at an early period of the present year, in a remarkable degree, in the City of New York. This great heart of the country now became the fountain of religious life, sending out its currents to the extremities. Its influence spread rapidly. Individuals from the East and the West, from the North and the South, came to this business centre, and, like the men of old, who visited Jerusalem, they were filled

with the Holy Ghost, and returned home to kindle the sacred flame at their own altars, and in the places where they dwelt, until the holy fire was lighted in almost every city and village in the land, where it is still burning more or less brightly." "There is perhaps scarcely a church within the bounds of the Assembly, that has not, in some degree, been strengthened." Many of the churches have been increased, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

From Maine the report says, that "not only, to a wide extent, has the wilderness and solitary place been made glad, and the desert to blossom as the rose," but upon the *cultivated* fields God has come down like rain upon the mown grass, and as showers that water the earth. There have been, connected with our own churches, 75 general revivals. With 90 others, has been special interest, and within the limits of our own people there have been more than 2000 conversions. The conversions among other denominations would swell this number to many thousands. 7800 conversions are reported as having occurred in Massachusetts; about 5000 in Connecticut; in Vermont from 1200 to 2000. Nearly all the churches have been quickened in Vermont and many of them greatly revived. A good work is spoken of by all the Delegates from Foreign Bodies.

But while we rejoice in what God has done for us, we cannot forget that very much land yet remains to be possessed, and we should gird ourselves anew for the conflict. May the Lord Almighty make the past but the beginning of the years of his right hand, and the series be unbroken till the bright and happy day shall dawn, whose sun shall shine upon a world converted to Jesus Christ.

J. M. R. EATON, *For the Committee.*

PASTORAL LETTER

Of the General Association of New Hampshire to the Churches in their connection.

DEAR BRETHREN,

In the epistle addressed to you last year, prepared by one of the fathers in the ministry in New Hampshire, the writer asked permission "to enter your dwellings and to speak with you kindly of some of those intimate and endearing relations which constitute the Family Circle"—we wish at this time to address you upon a subject which seems properly to follow that brought to your notice last year, viz.—

Your relations to each other as members of the family of Christ, and the duties which arise from these relations

All true believers in Christ sustain peculiar relations to him and to each other. They are "a peculiar people." They constitute the church universal for which Christ died, whose names are written in heaven. Wherever found in the world, or of whatever name, they all have common interests, duties and hopes. They have one Lord and Master. Christ is their Head, their Elder Brother and Leader, consequently, they are bound together by bonds of a common brotherhood. They are

"the body of Christ and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12; 27.— Each of you sustains relations to every other member and each must perform the duties devolving on him, or the whole body will suffer in consequence of your neglect. *You have voluntarily entered into this relation.* No circumstances of birth, no civil law, no political regulations, either compelled you to join a church organization, or entitles you to membership. It was your voluntary act, when you entered into Covenant with God and his people. This Covenant is twofold; – it is with God and his church, and this is the reason why the church cannot dismiss you again to the world. They can only dismiss and recommend you to another body of believers, or withdraw all Christian fellowship, by excision. The fact that you were voluntary in joining the church increases your obligation to maintain a Christian character and live an irreproachable life.

The relation which subsists between members of the same church is intimate. They labor for one common object — the glory of God, and the advancement of the Savior's cause in the world. Their faithful labors excite opposition from without, and this binds their hearts together more closely. Thus was it in the early days of Christianity. Those who professed their faith in the despised Nazarene expected opposition. They counted upon a life of toil and persecution, and this drew them together more closely. Like soldiers on the battle-field, who have fought side by side, their common dangers and struggles and hardships made them love each other the more. So should it be with the family of Christ. Their common hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, a common cause, and common Master, common labors and one final home in heaven, should always unite the brotherhood in the strongest of bonds.

Not only is your relation intimate, but it is a very important relation.

Indeed, we may say, it is necessary to the preservation of Christianity in the world. An arrangement of some kind was necessary for this. Sabbath worship and the ordinances of the gospel would soon cease to be sustained, if the friends of Christ were not associated together for this purpose. A distinct organization is also necessary, in order that it may be known who are "called to be saints." For this purpose the Savior requires his disciples to "come out and be separate from the world." Thus you have publicly declared yourselves to be on the Lord's side, and have become "a city set on a hill," – as a light that cannot be hid."

And, again, as in the domestic circle, each member is to be a helper to promote the common welfare, so also should it be in the household of faith This was a prominent object in the formation of the New Testament churches. The members were associated together for *mutual watchfulness and assistance*, in the Christian life. We earnestly urge upon you the faithful discharge of this duty. "Exhort one another daily, lest any be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."— Strive to excite others to love and good works; and "he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

By association your influence is made to operate more powerfully on the world.

In any cause, where there is concentration of effort, the result aimed at is more certain. When the Jews rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, they strengthened each other by their union of sympathy and effort. The Apostles gathered the early converts into churches, in order that the power of Christian example and influence might be augmented. One small candle can be seen at a distance in the night; but two, when brought together, will much more than double the effect of each other when placed separate and remote from one another. The association of Christ's disciples in churches increases their individual influence and makes their light more clear and bright amid the darkness of the world.

"Ye see," therefore, "your calling, brethren." You sustain intimate and important relations to each other, as well as to Christ. We, then, "beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Permit us to bring to your consideration *some of the duties which the "members of the body of Christ" should perform.*

I. *Each should take a lively interest in the welfare of the church.*

His membership implies obligation to labor for the welfare of the whole body. Why are the members associated at all, if they are not to take a deep and lively interest in the promotion of those ends for which they have entered into covenant. The church is established to preserve religious worship and ordinances in the community, to promote the individual piety of the members, and the conversion of the impenitent. But how can these objects be attained, unless each individual feels an interest in securing them? While each one, therefore, enjoys the privileges pertaining to the household of faith, he should help bear the burdens. He should feel it his duty to know and to strive to elevate the common standard of piety among the members, and to promote such Christian practice as becometh those professing godliness. The dead branch of a tree injures the healthfulness of the tree and the fruit it would otherwise produce. A member of the body that is palsied and useless, through which there is no circulation of the vital fluid, becomes a dead weight, a deformity to the body. So in the spiritual body, when its members feel no interest in what concerns the whole, they bring forth no fruit, and so become a hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

II. *Each member should use all the talents which he possesses for the common benefit.*

"Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular." In your associated capacity, you form the body of Christ, while individually, ye are members. "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." One, by his knowledge of the Bible, is fitted to be a teacher in the Sabbath School. Another has what is called the gift of prayer, or can stir up the hearts of his brethren by words of exhortation. Others can visit the sick, or aid in making efforts and collections for be-

nevolent and charitable purposes. Others are able to assist by their counsel in the meetings of the church for business in maintaining discipline. Others have wealth and, as stewards of the church, can aid in promoting its prosperity and extension at home and abroad. Thus we see, every member, whether he have only one gift and that the humblest, or whether he have many and all ample, is bound to employ them for the common benefit of the whole body. You are not to conclude, because you have not such gifts or so many as others, you are therefore excused from doing any thing. Each part of the body is necessary in its place; but we sometimes give undue prominence to one part and overlook others on which life and health mainly depend. We can part with an eye, a hand, or a foot and yet life be preserved; but what is the consequence if the brain, the lungs, or the heart be removed? So it is in the church. Oftentimes those who are the most retiring and unnoticed, the humble, the meek, the peaceful and prayerful, are more necessary to the true welfare of the church than those who are more prominent. And far better can the church afford to spare one that is as the hand or the foot, than that humble, prayerful Christian, who is to the church, what the heart and lungs are to the life. A leg or an arm may be cut off, and yet the body will live; but if the heart or the lungs be removed, death instantly ensues. So the church would die if the humble and retiring piety and fervent prayerfulness of those who perhaps are unobserved, should be lost. How can you conclude, then, that you are unimportant to the welfare of the church, because God has not set you in the same position in it as others. Use the gifts he has given you; perform the part He has assigned, and thereby honor him and promote the welfare of his church according to your ability.

III. *It is the duty of each member to attend the meetings of the church.*

Some professors of religion think, if they attend meeting at some place of worship, this is sufficient. Hence they go from place to place to gratify a vain curiosity, – to hear a new preacher, or see another congregation, or witness the administration of ordinances in a different mode from that practised in their own church. But if one member may thus neglect the worship of his own church, why may not all? And what would be the effect of such a course on the life and spirituality of the individual and the church? So also in regard to the preparatory lecture, and stated meetings of the church for conference, prayer and the transaction of business. If these meetings are necessary, and promote the spiritual life of one member, they are necessary for another, and you cannot neglect them without doing injury to yourself and the interests of the church

IV. *Another duty which each member owes to the fellow members is, to aid in maintaining the discipline of the church.*

The church, perhaps, cannot be found, where there are no members that dishonor Christ in their lives, and render faithful admonition and discipline necessary. But it is no pleasant duty for a church to arraign for trial one of its members who walks disorderly, and proceed

in a course of faithful admonition, reproof, or excision. Shall it therefore be entirely neglected? It is not a pleasant thing to have an arm or a leg cut off from the body; shall it therefore be suffered to remain until it corrupts and destroys the whole body? The object of church discipline is, the reformation of the offender, the promotion of purity in the church, and vindication of the honor of religion. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Purge out, therefore, the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump." Duty to the sinning member, as well as to the church itself requires the thing to be done, however unpleasant it may be. The law of brotherhood between man and man, which Moses established, "Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him," applies with augmented force to those who have covenanted to walk together as followers of him "who was holy." "Brethren," says an Apostle, "if a man be overtaken with a fault, ye who are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Now, on whom rests the duty? Not on the Pastor alone. Every member of the church has a part to perform in this matter. He has entered into covenant to do this thing whenever it becomes necessary, and he cannot, therefore, excuse himself from discharging it. It is your duty, then, to be present at the meetings of the church for the transaction of the business of discipline and render what assistance you can, to have it executed promptly, impartially and in Christian kindness.

We might proceed to speak of other duties which you owe to one another, as mutual watchfulness and fidelity, forbearance, forgiveness, and last, though not least, the exercise of brotherly love.

And now, suffer us to inquire, brethren, if you are faithfully performing all the duties that have been mentioned? Are you using all the talents God has given you for the edification and advancement in holiness of those with whom you have entered into covenant? Do you habitually, as far as Providence permits you, attend the worship and meetings of the church on the Sabbath, and at other stated seasons? Do you give your aid promptly, efficiently and in the spirit of the gospel in maintaining the discipline of the church? Do you exercise that watchfulness over your fellow Christians and that fidelity in admonishing them when they go astray, that you solemnly engaged to do, when you entered into covenant with them? Do you exercise a forbearing, a tender and forgiving disposition towards the infirmities of others? Do you love your fellow Christians as you hope the Savior loves you? In these ways you will honor the Master. You will promote the welfare of the brotherhood. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Excite one another "to love and good works," that when the Master shall come ye "may be found of him without spot and blameless."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

General Association of New Hampshire in account with their Treasurer—ASA P. TENNEY, *CR.*

1857. Aug. 27.	By balance on last year's account,	$14,06
	Cash from Monadnock Association,	3,75
	Do. balance last year,	1,50
	Belknap Association,	2,00
	Harmony Association,	1,25
	Union Association,	1,50
	Derry Association,	2,25
	Sullivan Association.	3,50
	Manchester Association,	1,75
	Suncook Association,	1,25
1858.	Hollis Association,	3,00
July 28.	Piscataqua Association,	3,00
Aug. 10.	Hopkinton Association for 1857 and 1858,	4,50
		43,31
Jan. 16, 1858.	*DR.* To paid Rev. D. Kimball's account for Minutes, &c.	36,12
	Balance,	7.19

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of the Rev. A. P. Tenney, Treasurer of the New Hampshire General Association, and find it correctly cast and well vouched.

N. BOUTON, AUDITOR.

CONCORD, AUG. 23, 1858.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented to the Association, stating that the board had made the usual appropriations; but as the Secretary, Hon. Samuel Morril, has since deceased, the Reports have not reached the Publishing Committee.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

BELKNAP ASSOCIATION. I.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath school.
					Male.	Female.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	
Alton,	Nov. 17, 1827.	Vacant.			6	17	1	24	14	2	16	0	0	0	0	6	1	50
Barnstead,	July 28, 1804.	Enos George,	Sept. 26, 1804.	Sept. 26, 1804.	52	84	62	198	1		1	4	2	0	6	1	5	90
Bristol,		Vacant.			28	53	0	81	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	60
Campton,		James B. Hadley,	1851.	Pastor elect.	21	43	28	87	3	4	7	2	1	1	4	0	0	100
Centre Harbor,	[illegible] 6, 1838.	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840.	Dec. 23, 1840.	19	33	15	67	7	2	9	0	2	0	2	4	6	40
Danbury,	[illegible] 1, 1850.	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848.	March 2, 1855.	24	28	6	58	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	110
Gilmanton Centre,		Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852.	April 27, 1852.	41	65	26	132	12	2	14	6	3	2	11	9	7	90
Gilmanton East,		Vacant.			7	15	5	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	
Groton, } Hebron, }	1779.	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823.	s. s. 1845.	11	14	0	25	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	100
					12	29	3	44	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	130
Laconia,	July 26, 1824.	John K. Young,	Sept. 1829.	Nov. 30, 1831.	42	113	34	189	12	1	13	4	5	1	10	8	1	150
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815.	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841.	Jan. 8, 1857.	19	45	2	66	7	3	10	3	3	0	6	5	0	75
Plymouth,	1765.	William R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837.	June 25, 1845.	30	78	36	144	1	1	2	4	7	1	12	0	2	165
Sanbornton,	1771.	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841.	June 24, 1852.	43	87	15	145	20	0	20	4	3	1	8	10	2	135
Thornton,		Vacant.			4	6	0	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total, 15.		Pastors, 9. S. S. 1.		Vacant churches 4.	359	710	233	1297	83	22	105	30	34	6	70	45	27	1295

Without charge—Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ord. Nov. 13, 1806; Enoch Corser, Boscawen; John Clark, Plymouth.
William R. Jewett, Plymouth, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. II.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath School.
Bethlehem,		Vacant.			13	20	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Franconia,		Vacant.			5	13	0	18	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Littleton,	1803.	Carey Russell,	Nov. 21, 1838.	S. S. 1858.	35	103	0	138	9	1	10	1	0	0	1	4	0	135
Total, 3.		Pastors, 0. S. S. 1. Vacant churches, 2.			53	136		189	13	1	14	2			2	4		135

Carey Russell, Littleton, Acting Statistical Scribe. These churches are associated ministerially with churches in Vermont.

DERRY ASSOCIATION. III.

Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772.	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835.	S. S. 1845.	20	50	24	94	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	5	122
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843.	James Holmes,	May, 1842.	Dec. 5, 1849.	20	40	12	72	5	2	7	1	5	0	6	1	2	130
Candia,	1770.	Vacant.			86	126	39	251	0	0	0	4	10	0	14	0	2	200
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731.	Harrison O. Howland,	Dec. 1846.	Aug. 12, 1857.	52	114	38	204	12	7	19	5	5	0	10	6	3	200
Deerfield,	1766.	Uzal W. Condit,	Oct. 23, 1850.	July 10, 1855.	52	85	18	137	14	1	15	1	1	0	2	7	4	100
Derry, 1st church,	1719 and 1810.	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.	S.S. Aug. 1857.	57	78	24	159	0	2	2	6	4	0	10	0	1	100
Derry, 1st Cong.,	Aug. 3, 1837.	Ebenezer G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837.	Oct. 1, 1851.	26	73	24	123	11	3	14	1	12	0	13	9	1	
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752.	Vacant.			17	50	6	73	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	1	120
Plaistow,	1730.	Charles Tenney,	Feb. 7, 1844.	S. S. Ap. 1853.	27	64	10	91	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	1	5	100
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751.	Vacant.			15	49	19	83	4	1	5	0	1	0	2	4	0	150
Raymond,	1791.	Vacant.			59	87	10	156	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	7	2	120
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1740.	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840.	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	35	3	52	0	2	2	1	2	0	4	0	0	
Windham, Pres.,	1747.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	Nov. 5, 1845.	50	85	9	144	13	7	20	6	2	0	8	3	4	200
Total, 13.		Pastors, 6. S. S. 8. Vacant churches, 4.			496	986	236	1639	74	36	100	36	49	1	86	39	30	1542

Without Charge—Wm. T. Herrick, Candia, ord. May 28, 1851; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield, ord. July 1, 1812; Isaac Jones, Derry, ord. Feb. 7, 1816.

Licentiates—Henry L. Boltwood, Principal of Pinkerton Academy, Derry.

Ebenezer G. Parsons, Derry village, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION. IV.

Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778.	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841.	S. S. Feb. 1856.	15	53	18	86	6	2	8	1	0	5	6	2	1	210
Effingham,	Reorgan. 1838.	Vacant.			5	18	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Farmington,	1819.	Daniel D. Tappan,	Nov. 14, 1826.	S. S. Oct. 1852.	9	27	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815.	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	S. S. 1848.	24	55	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Moultonboro', 1st ch	March 12, 1777.	Vacant.			9	10	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch.,	Sept. 8, 1855.	Vacant.			11	20	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Wolfboro',	June 17, 1839.	Stephen Merrill,	June, 1821.	S. S. Nov. 1850.	10	20	17	47	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	2	75
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806.	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839.	S.S. May, 1848.	27	38	10	75	4	2	6	0	2	0	2	4	0	120
Sandwich Corner,	Aug. 1814.	Vacant.			12	23	12	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
" North,	June 27, 1832.	Vacant.			7	15	5	27	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	150
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792.	John H. Merrill,	May 16, 1849.	Aug. 17, 1853.	50	86	23	159	4	2	6	8	1	1	10	1	0	244
Tuftonboro',	1839.	Vacant.		[1857.	5	12	4	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Wakefield,	1785.	Marvin Leffingwell,	1844.	S. S. March 15,	10	26	9	45	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	80
Wolfboro',	June 17, 1834.	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1845.	S.S. June, 1856.	16	40	10	66	5	8	8	0	0	0	1	5	0	76
Total, 14.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 7.	Vacant churches, 6.		210	448	118	771	28	11	36	15	11	1	27	14	4	1165

Without charge—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ord. June 13, 1821; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ord. Nov. 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, ord. Dec. 21, 1808; Rev. Thomas L. Ambrose, missionary to Persia.

Licentiates—Wm. H. Kingsbury, Tamworth. Reuben Kimball, Conway, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION. II.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Bethlehem,		Vacant.			13	20	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Franconia,		Vacant.			5	13	0	18	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Littleton,	1803.	Carey Russell,	Nov. 21, 1838.	S. S. 1858.	35	103	0	138	9	1	10	1	0	0	1	4	0	135
Total, 3.		Pastors, 0. S. S. 1. Vacant churches, 2.			53	136		189	13	1	14	2			2	4		135

Carey Russell, Littleton, Acting Statistical Scribe. These churches are associated ministerially with churches in Vermont.

DERRY ASSOCIATION. III.

Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772.	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835.	S. S. 1845.	20	50	24	94	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	0	5	122
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843.	James Holmes,	May, 1842.	Dec. 5, 1849.	20	40	12	72	5	2	7	1	5	0	6	1	2	130
Candia,	1770.	Vacant.			86	126	39	251	0	0	0	4	10	0	14	0	2	200
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731.	Harrison O. Howland,	Dec. 1846.	Aug. 12, 1857.	52	114	38	204	12	7	19	5	5	0	10	6	3	200
Deerfield,	1766.	Uzal W. Condit,	Oct. 23, 1850.	July 10, 1856.	52	85	18	137	14	1	15	1	1	0	2	7	4	100
Derry, 1st church,	1719 and 1810.	Ephraim N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841.	S.S. Aug. 1857.	57	78	24	159	0	2	2	6	4	0	10	0	1	100
Derry, 1st Cong.,	Aug. 3, 1837.	Ebenezer G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837.	Oct. 1, 1851.	26	73	24	123	11	3	14	1	12	0	13	9	1	
Hampstead,	June 8, 1752.	Vacant.			17	50	6	73	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	1	120
Plaistow,	1730.	Charles Tenney,	Feb. 7, 1844.	S. S. Ap. 1853.	27	64	10	91	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	1	5	100
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751.	Vacant.			15	49	19	83	4	1	5	0	1	0	2	4	0	150
Raymond,	1791.	Vacant.			59	87	10	156	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	7	2	120
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1740.	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840.	Dec. 1, 1853.	14	35	3	52	0	2	2	1	2	0	4	0	0	
Windham, Pres.,	1747.	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845.	Nov. 5, 1845.	50	85	9	144	13	7	20	6	2	0	8	3	4	200
Total, 13.		Pastors, 6. S. S. 8. Vacant churches, 4.			496	986	236	1639	74	36	100	36	49	1	86	39	30	1542

Without Charge—Wm. T. Herrick, Candia, ord. May 28, 1851; Nathaniel Wells, Deerfield, ord. July 1, 1812; Isaac Jones, Derry, ord. Feb. 7, 1816.

Licentiates—Henry L. Boltwood, Principal of Pinkerton Academy, Derry.

Ebenezer G. Parsons, Derry village, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778.	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841.	S. S. Feb. 1856.	15	58	18	86	6	2	8	1	0	5	6	2	1	210
Effingham,	Reorgan. 1836.	Vacant.			5	18	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Farmington,	1819.	Daniel D. Tappan,	Nov. 14, 1826.	S. S. Oct. 1852.	9	27	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815.	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843.	S. S. 1848.	24	55	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Moultonboro', 1st ch	March 12, 1777.	Vacant.			9	10	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
" 2d ch.,	Sept. 8, 1855.	Vacant.			11	20	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
North Wolfboro',	June 17, 1839.	Stephen Merrill,	June, 1821.	S. S. Nov. 1850.	10	20	17	47	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	2	75
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806.	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839.	S.S. May, 1848.	27	38	10	75	4	2	6	0	2	0	2	4	0	120
Sandwich Corner,	Aug. 1814.	Vacant.			12	23	12	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
" North,	June 27, 1832.	Vacant.			7	15	5	27	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	150
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792.	John H. Merrill,	May 16, 1849.	Aug. 17, 1853.	50	86	23	159	4	2	6	8	1	1	10	1	0	244
Tuftonboro',	1839.	Vacant.		[1857.	5	12	4	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Wakefield,	1785.	Marvin Leffingwell,	1844.	S. S. March 15,	10	26	9	45	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	80
Wolfboro',	June 17, 1834.	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1845.	S.S. June, 1856.	16	40	10	66	5	3	8	0	0	0	1	5	0	76
Total, 14.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 7.		Vacant churches, 6.	210	448	118	771	28	11	36	15	11	1	27	14	4	1165

Without charge—Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ord. June 13, 1821; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ord. Nov. 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, ord. Dec. 21, 1808; Rev. Thomas L. Ambrose, missionary to Persia.

Licentiates—Wm. H. Kingsbury, Tamworth. Reuben Kimball, Conway, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

HOLLIS ASSOCIATION. V.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath school.
					Male.	Female.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741.	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844.	May 22, 1844.	58	133	29	220	10	7	17	7	25	0	32	5	2	265
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795.	Theophilus P. Sawin,	Mar. 19, 1848.	Dec. 11, 1856.	23	32	6	61	19	6	25	3	1	0	4	4	2	130
Hollis,	Before 1743.	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837.	July 7, 1852.	63	122	35	220	11	1	12	7	9	0	16	2	2	212
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772.	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839.	S.S. May, 1857.	39	62	22	123	13	6	19	3	5	0	8	6	0	135
Mason, 2d church,	June 3, 1847.	Samuel J. Austin,	Feb. 25, 1857.	Feb. 25, 1857.	21	62	36	119	3	5	8	5	1	0	6	0	0	90
Merrimack South,	Oct. 21, 1829.	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846.	S. S. 1853.	9	20	10	39	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	43
Milford,	1788.	Sylvanus C. Kendall,	Mar. 29, 1854.	April 7, 1858.	74	164	51	289	29	13	42	12	11	1	24	16	1	355
Nashua, Olive st.	1834.	Austin Richards,	Nov. 7, 1827.	April 6, 1836.	82	258	100	440	33	12	45	1	16	0	17	17	1	340
Nashua, 1st ch.	1685.	Charles J. Hill,	Jan. 28, 1857.	Jan. 28, 1857.	106	351	121	581	53	11	64	5	13	0	18	27	5	462
Nashua, Pearl st.	Sept. 3, 1842.	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849.	Feb. 24, 1858.	56	148	28	282	30	19	49	1	17	0	18	14	2	350
New Ipswich, 1st ch.	Oct. 22, 1760.	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830.	May 5, 1836.	47	86	25	158	14	0	14	10	12	0	22	9	0	140
" 2d ch.	Oct. 9, 1851.	Vacant.			32	61	10	103	18	2	20	1	0	0	1	4	2	95
Mont Vernon,	Sept. 1780.	Charles E. Lord,	May 6, 1844.	Feb. 7, 1858.	45	90	20	155	5	2	7	4	2	0	6	0	5	150
Rindge,	Dec. 1765.	A. W. Burnham, D.D.,	Nov. 14, 1821.	Nov. 14, 1821.	80	131	37	248	24	3	27	3	4	1	8	11	15	245
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771.	George Goodyear,	July 22, 1828.	Apr. 25, 1855.	30	72	15	117	2	0	2	4	3	0	7	0	2	150
Wilton, 2d Cong.	Dec. 18, 1828.	Ebenezer S. Jordan,	Dec. 17, 1857.	Dec. 17, 1857.	36	57	19	112	5	4	9	1	2	0	3	1	2	175
Total, 16.	Pastors, 13. S. S. 2. Vacant churches, 1.				801	1849	564	3217	269	94	363	69	121	3	193	116	41	3337

Without Charge—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ord. Oct. 13, 1802; Erastus M. Kellogg, Nashua, ord. Oct. 26, 1842; William Clark, Amherst, ord. April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ord. Oct. 17, 1832.

Licentiates—Milan C. Stebbins, Lancaster, Ms.; Augustus Berry, Mont Vernon.

Daniel Goodwin, Mason, Scribe. Charles J. Hill, Nashua, Statistical Scribe.

Andover,		Vacant.			5	6		11												
Boscawen, 1st,	Oct. 8, 1740.	Ambrose Smith,	July 9, 1850.	June 15, 1853.	43	66	53	162	3	1	4	3	5	0	8	1	6	105
" 2d,	Sept. 10, 1804.	Edward Buxton,		Dec. 13, 1837.	58	81	30	169	30	1	31	2	0	0	2	10	18	160
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803.	Vacant.			16	25	10	51	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	none
Canterbury,	Unknown.	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843.	Nov. 22, 1843.	43	81	32	124	10	1	11	2	4	0	6	5	1	
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842.	Vacant.			28	60	22	110	9	2	11	1	2	0	3	1	1	75
" 1st,	Nov. 18, 1730.	N. Bouton, D. D.	Mar. 23, 1825.	Mar. 23, 1825.	47	150	51	248	14	9	23	2	6	0	8	3	2	175
" South,	Feb. 1, 1837.	Henry E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849.	May 14, 1851.	81	161	50	292	12	5	17	4	12	0	16	6	5	275
" West,	April 25, 1828.	Asa P. Tenney,	June, 1828.	April 23, 1833.	70	133	41	203	14	0	14	3	2	1	6	5	0	125
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850.	Albert W. Fiske,	May 8, 1833.	May 20, 1857.	27	53	5	80	3	8	11	2	1	0	3	2	4	137
Franklin,	June 11, 1822.	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 8, 1838.	Sept. 4, 1849.	26	89	0	115	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	140
Henniker,	June 7, 1769.	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845.	Feb. 26, 1851.	49	116	41	165	6	2	8	4	2	2	8	3	1	194
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815.	Vacant.			9	18	6	33	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	67
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757.	M. B. Angier,	June 8, 1853.	June 8, 1853.	78	97	25	195	2	3	5	5	0	0	5	0	3	130
Northf. & Sanb. Br.	July 18, 1822.	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843.	Oct. 5, 1843.	47	111	28	158	7	1	8	1	2	0	3	4	2	130
Pembroke,	1808.	Lewis Goodrich,	May 13, 1857.	May 13, 1857.	40	103	31	143	21	2	23	3	3	2	8	8	2	167
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1778.	Horatio Merrill,	May 25, 1845.	Mar. 17, 1858.	21	47	5	73	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	110
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772.	Daniel Warren,	Dec. 7, 1825.	Oct. 21, 1857.	29	70	10	99	0	1	1	1	7	0	8	0	1	80
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829.	J. M. Cross,	Licentiate.	S. S.	14	19	5	33	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	3	1	80
Total, 19.	Pastors, 14. S. S. 1. Vacant churches, 4.				726	1486	445	2464	142	36	178	36	51	5	91	52	52	2100

Without Charge—Ebenezer Price, ord. Sept. 26, 1804; William Patrick, Boscawen, ord. Oct. 26, 1803; Benj. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ord. May 26, 1831.

Licentiate—J. Morrison Cross, Andover.

Ambrose Smith, Boscawen, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

LANCASTER ASSOCIATION. VII.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858. Male.	Female.	Absent.	Total.	Admitted 1858. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removals. 1858. Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Baptisms. Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath school.
Colebrook,	Dec. 4, 1802.	Horace Pratt,		Stated supply.	18	32	6	56	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	4	0	105
Dalton,	April 28, 1816.	Thomas Hall,	Sept. 28, 1825.	Stated supply.	5	14	7	26	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	70
Lancaster,		Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856.	Feb. 27, 1856.	37	91	10	138	37	8	45	2	7	0	9	19	5	130
Stewartstown & vic.	July 1, 1846.	Joseph B. Hill,	Aug. 12, 1830.	Stated supply.	15	24	4	43	6	8	14	1	2	0	3	3	5	60
Total, 4.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 3.			75	161	27	263	50	16	66	6	11		17	26	10	365

Prescott Fay, Lancaster, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION. VIII.

Bedford, Pres.	1750	Thomas Savage,	August, 1822.	July 6, 1826.	42	103	6	151	10	1	11	5	4	0	9	4	5	200
Dunbarton,	1789.	John M. Putnam,	Dec. 13, 1820.	July 8, 1830.	30	58	17	105	0	4	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	150
Goffstown,	1801.	John W. Ray,	Jan. 28, 1858.	S. S. 1857.	32	78	14	124	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	6	1	184
Hudson,	1841.	Daniel L. French,	Oct. 21, 1840.	S.S. Nov. 1852.	13	39	5	59	0	3	3	1	5	1	7	0	0	70
Hooksett,	1828.	Enoch H. Caswell,	June 28, 1848.	S. S. 1857.	11	32	16	59	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	40
Londonderry Pres.,	1755.	William House,	October, 1857.	October, 1857.	62	117	30	209	16	3	19	4	1	0	5	10	1	250
Litchfield Pres.,	Re-organ. 1844	Ebenezer Newhall,	Jan. 17, 1824.	Sept. 1854.	5	15	0	20	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
Manchester 1st ch.,	1828.	Cyrus W. Wallace,	January, 1840.	January, 1840.	101	265	59	425	50	26	76	7	7	0	14	26	8	445
" 2d ch.,	1844.	Vacant.			42	104	82	228	16	9	25	0	27	0	27	16	7	325
Christ. Miss. ch.,	1852.	Lyman Marshall,	October, 1856.	S.S. Apr. 1856.	10	36	15	61	14	6	20	2	5	0	7	6	8	155
Merrimack,	1771.	Edwin J. Hart,	January, 1856.	Jan. 1, 1856.	62	112	27	201	11	4	15	5	7	0	12	4	7	178
Total, 11.		Pastors, 6. S. S. 4. Vacant churches, 1.			410	959	271	1642	128	59	187	25	58	1	84	73	37	2047

Without Charge—George A. Bowman, Manchester, ord. Aug. 9, 1848.
Licentiates—George A. Putnam.

Cyrus W. Wallace, Manchester, Scribe; E. Newhall, Litchfield, Acting Statistical Scribe.

MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION. IX.

Alstead, 1st church,	1777.	Vacant.			9	22	30	61	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	65
" East,	1788.	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829.	June 16, 1852.	27	44	28	99	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	1	104
" Paper Mill,	1842.	Nathaniel F. Goodhue,		S. S. 1858.	4	4	8	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40
Chesterfield,	1771.	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833.	S. S. 1858.	8	18	0	26	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Dublin,	1772.	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 19, 1846.	Dec. 12, 1855.	10	19	7	36	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	3	2	82
Fitzwilliam,	1771.	John Woods,	June 22, 1814.	S. S. 1854.	45	88	25	158	1	6	7	4	10	0	14	1	3	200
Gilsum,	1772.	Ezra Adams,	April 28, 1840.	Mar. 19, 1851.	16	23	2	41	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	85
Hinsdale,	1821.	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845.	May 1, 1856.	33	60	13	106	11	1	12	0	9	0	9	6	7	120
Jaffrey,	1780.	John S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858.	S. S. 1858.	23	67	30	120	4	2	6	0	9	0	9	0	0	130
Jaffrey, East,	1850.	Franklin D. Austin,	June 23, 1853	S. S. 1858.	17	48	8	73	4	11	15	2	0	0	2	2	2	75
Keene,	1738.	Zed. S. Barstow, D. D.,	July 1, 1818.	July 1, 1818.	68	212	0	280	11	12	23	5	7	0	12	8	9	430
Marlborough,	1778.	Giles Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832.	S. S. 1840.	36	72	0	108	13	2	15	1	3	0	4	5	4	180
Nelson,	1781.	Adonijah H. Cutter,	June 2, 1841.	S. S. 1857.	32	42	0	74	15	3	18	3	0	0	3	8	1	120
Harrisville,	1840.	William G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851.	April 16, 1851.	11	19	18	48	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	3	75
Roxbury,	1816.	Thomas W. Duncan,	June 13, 1821.	S. S. 1858.	6	11	0	17	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	40
Stoddard,	1787.	Nathaniel W. Sheldon,		S. S. 1858.	3	17	5	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Sullivan,	1791.	Thomas S. Norton,	Feb. 4, 1846.	Feb. 4, 1846.	31	53	7	91	1	0	1	3	5	0	8	1	3	175
Surry,	1769.	Vacant.			2	9	2	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	none
Swanzey,	1741.	J. G. Wilson,		S. S. 1858.	16	37	3	56	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	75
Troy,	1815.	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845.	March 5, 1845.	17	38	15	70	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	150
Walpole,	1761.	John M. Stowe,	Jan. 31, 1855.	Jan. 31, 1855.	22	71	7	100	7	9	16	0	3	0	3	2	0	110
Westmoreland,	1764.	Charles Greenwood,	Nov. 5, 1857.	Nov. 5, 1857.	27	60	10	97	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50
" Evangel.	1853.	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856.	May 14, 1856.	5	15	4	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70
Winchester,	1736.	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847.	Feb. 3, 1847.	51	100	28	179	11	9	20	3	8	1	12	3	9	195
Total, 24.	12 Pastors.	10 Stated Supplies.	2 vacant churches.		519	1149	240	1918	87	56	143	37	84	1	122	40	47	2671

Without Charge—Rev. Gad Newell, Nelson, ord. June 11, 1794; Rev. Edwin Jennison, Walpole, ord. Aug. 7, 1831.
Licentiate—John S. Batchelder, Jaffrey. John P. Humphrey, Winchester, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION. X.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Bath,	1778.	Silas M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853.	S.S. Apr. 1857.	35	89	29	153	16	2	18	0	3	0	3	8	9	225
Canaan,	1803.	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828.	S. S. Aug. 20,	10	23	7	40	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	40
Haverhill,*	Oct. 13, 1790.	Vacant.		[1853.	45	121	45	211	20	6	26	2	18	0	20	13	4	150
Hanover Centre,	May 16, 1810.	John Adams,	June, 1841.	S. S. 1857.	19	36	34	89	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	78
Lyme,	May 22, 1771.	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831.	Jan. 5, 1831.	139	242	36	381	11	4	15	4	6	0	10	9	2	276
Orford,	April 30, 1822.	Windsor A. Smith,	Dec. 12, 1839.	Sept. 2, 1857.	17	44	23	84	5	2	7	3	15	1	19	4	2	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770.	Luther B.Whittemore,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1858.	15	53	20	88	6	4	10	0	2	0	2	5	1	50
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803.	Increase S. Davis,	Oct. 9, 1828.	S.S. Apr. 1840.	51	74	16	141	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	5	0	65
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830.	Vacant.			9	21	5	35	8	3	11	0	0	0	0	5	0	100
Total, 9.	Pastors, 2.	Stated Supplies, 5.	Vacant churches, 2.		340	703	215	1222	66	24	90	14	54	1	69	49	19	1134

Without Charge—Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., ord. Evan. 1809; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ord. May 22, 1816; Enos Merrill, Orford.

Licentiates—Luther B. Whittemore, Orfordville; Prof. Edwin D. Sanborn, Hanover, Nov. 1, 1836, Windsor A. Smith, Orford, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

* North Haverhill is now included with Haverhill.

Barrington,	June '8, 1755.	Theodore Wells,	June 11, 1845	June 11, 1845.	14	28	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Brentwood,	Reorgan. 1756.	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855.	S. S. 1857.	16	44	13	73	12	1	13	2	0	0	2	6	0	125	
Dover, 1st church,	January, 1639.	Elias H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854.	Dec. 10, 1856.	53	140	119	312	11	4	15	10	5	0	15	5	4	256	
" Belknap ch.	Sept. 4, 1856.	Benjamin H. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847.	Sept. 4, 1856.	16	55	6	77	14	2	16	2	1	0	3	6	0	137	
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718.	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833.	Nov. 20, 1833	10	54	10	74	7	0	7	0	2	0	2	6	1	81	
Exeter, 1st church,	1698.	Nathaniel Lasell,	May, 1849.	June 19, 1856.	49	93	0	142	24	7	31	6	9	0	15	15	8	125	
" 2d church,	January, 1744.	O. T. Lamphear,	Oct. 25, 1349.	Feb. 2, 1858.	26	97	0	123	10	0	10	2	0	0	2	8	2	100	
Epping,	Dec. 17, 1747.	Josiah H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844.	S. S 1857.	16	23	1	40	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	3	136	
Great Falls, 1st ch.	Jan. 16, 1827.	George N. Anthony,	Oct. 3, 1855.	Oct. 3, 1855.	44	100	48	198	29	10	39	1	27	1	29	29	6	230	
" 2d ch.	July 20, 1857.	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 26, 1845	S. S 1857.	6	26	5	37	3	6	9	1	2	0	3	3	5	130	
Greenland,	July, 1706.	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852.	8	38	4	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	
Hampton,	1638.	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855.	Oct. 31, 1855.	67	127	24	218	53	3	56	9	1	2	12	22	1	100	
Hamp. Falls & Sea-	July 12, 1836.	George W. Thompson,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1858.	13	17	18	48	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	
Kingston, [brook,	Sept. 29, 1725.	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855.	Feb. 14, 1855.	18	45	0	63	0	0	0	4	1	1	6	0	0		
Newcastle,	1671.	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825.	S. S. Apr. 1846.	9	29	0	38	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	164	
Newmarket,	Mar. 27, 1828.	Vacant.			20	32	11	63	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	75	
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739.	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1852	63	89	18	170	6	0	6	3	0	0	3	1	3	205	
Portsmouth,	1671.	Lyman Whiting,	Jan. 11, 1843	Nov. 1. 1855.	61	199	38	298	25	7	32	9	12	0	21	6	6	214	
Rochester,	1730.	James M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854.	S. S. 1858.	18	80	0	98	19	5	24	2	0	0	2	9	0	75	
Rye,	July 10, 1726.	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835.	Aug. 4, 1847.	31	76	0	107	11	0	11	3	0	0	3	2	1		
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1845.	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838.	Aug. 11, 1858.	19	62	50	131	1	2	3	1	17	0	18	0	1	110	
South Newmarket,	1730.	Winthrop Fifield,	May 10, 1837.	S. S. Feb. 1852.	13	18	7	38	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	3	1	60	
Stratham,		William S. Smith,	April, 1854.	S. S. 1857.	15	28	8	46	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Total, 23. Pastors, 13. Stated Supply, 11. Missionaries, 3 Vacant churches, 1.					605	1500	375	2480	237	56	293	58	79	4	141	124	35	2348	
								5										150	
At mission stations within the bounds of the Association,								2485										2498	

This Association maintains preaching at East Kingston, Nottingham, Kensington, Lee and Newington. Asa Mann, ord. 1844, missionary at Newington. Mason Moore, Lic., missionary at Lee. Wm. W. Merriam, Lic., missionary at Kensington. At these stations 5 church members are reported and 150 Sabbath School scholars.

Without Charge—Charles Dame, ord. May 21, 1839, and Jacob Cummings, ord. May 24, 1834, Exeter;
Jonathan Ward, ord. Sept. 28, 1796, Brentwood.
Edward Robie, Greenland, Scribe. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, acting Statistical Scribe.

SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION. XII.

Churches.	Organized.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted' 1858.			Removals. 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
					Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773.	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825.	Feb. 18, 1857.	62	97	21	180	0	0	0	5	7	0	12	0	5	75
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835.	Samuel G. Tenney,	June 29, 1825.	S.S. May, 1858.	17	45	20	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Claremont,	Uncertain. '70?	Robert F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1835.	Jan. 16, 1839.	71	169	51	240	18	7	25	5	5	0	10	9	1	135
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768.	Alva Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835.	Oct. 1, 1835.	21	34	20	75	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	75
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778.	Ira Case,	Nov. 30, 1852.	S.S. Nov. 1857.	11	17	5	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805.	John Richards, D. D.	Nov. 28, 1827.	April 2, 1842.	93	150	113	243	30	6	36	2	7	0	9	13	11	125
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802.	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1850.	S.S. Mar. 1850.	14	24	12	50	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	50
Enfield,	May 30, 1826.	William S. Thompson,	Licentiate.	S. S. Feb. 1858.	5	12	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Langdon,	1792.	Josiah L. Armes,	June 25, 1846.	S. S. 1857.	12	28	0	40	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	75
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768.	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849.	Nov. 22, 1849.	48	100	0	148	7	6	13	4	8	0	12	2	1	125
Lempster, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1781.	Robert W. Fuller,	Jan. 16, 1841.	S.S. July, 1856.	32	42	6	74	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	4	0	80
" 2d,	Feb. 1, 1837.				6	11	6	23	3	0	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780.	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831.	Jan. 8, 1840.	19	39	39	97	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	0	2	50
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779.	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851.	July 16, 1851.	93	168	54	261	4	3	7	6	4	0	10	2	8	180
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804.	Jacob Scales,	Dec. 27, 1820.	S. S. Oct. 1842.	6	28	7	41	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	35
Washington,	May 9, 1789.	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828.	S.S. July, 1844.	6	28	3	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849.	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842.	June 26, 1851.	40	63	5	108	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	2	100
Total, 17.		Pastors, 8. S. S. 8. Vacant church, 1.			556	1055	362	1736	69	29	98	30	48	2	80	30	30	1315

Without Charge—Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., ord. May 8, 1837; John N. Putnam, ord. Oct. 6, 1852; David Kimball, ord. June 22, 1822; Elihu T. Rowe, ord. May 29, 1845; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., ord. Nov. 8, 1824; Broughton White, Acworth, (not associated,) ord. June 10, 1818.

Licentiate—Cyrus S. Richards, 1846.

SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION. XIII.

Chichester,	1791.	Joshua S. Gay,	1848.	S.S. Aug. 1857.	25	38	41	104	8	1	9	2	2	1	5	5	0	117
Epsom,	1761.	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845.	S. S. 1857.	27	52	10	89	4	5	9	3	2	0	5	4	1	100
Gilmanton, 1st ch.		Vacant.			7	15	7	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
" Iron Works,	1830.	Jairus Ordway,	April 26, 1848.	S. S.	28	47	25	100	1	5	6	2	3	0	5	0	0	70
Loudon, 1st ch.	1789.	Enoch Corser,	March 5, 1817.	S. S.	24	57	9	90	0	0	0	7	0	1	8	0	0	60
" 2d ch.	1828.	Vacant.			10	21	8	39	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	
Northwood,	1798.	Vacant.			46	68	6	120	1	1	2	4	7	0	11	1	4	
Nottingham,				S. S.	1	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Pittsfield,	1789.	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850.	Dec. 12, 1854.	67	134	43	204	8	0	8	4	4	0	8	5	7	100
Total, 9.		Pastors, 1. S. S. 5.		Vacant churches, 3.	235	435	149	779	22	12	34	28	20	2	50	15	12	447

Licentiate—James T. Clarke, Andover, Ms.

J. Augustine Hood, Pittsfield, Scribe and Statistical Scribe.

UNION ASSOCIATION. XIV.

Antrim, Pres.	August, 1788.	John H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853.	Mar. 16, 1853.	43	98	24	165	1	4	5	5	2	0	7	0	4	150
Bennington,	July 10, 1839.	Daniel McClenning,		S. S. 1857.	14	44	2	60	14	4	18	2	0	0	2	8	8	80
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788.	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828.	May 15, 1850.	45	87	27	159	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	1	229
Deering,	1789.	Vacant.			9	21	7	37	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50
Hillsboro' Centre,	1772.	Rodney G. Dennis,	Oct. 4, 1820.	S. S. 1858.	32	54	27	86	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	85
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839.	Harry Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858.	S. S.	16	47	5	68	9	5	14	2	0	0	2	8	7	163
Greenfield, 1st ch.	Sept. 7, 1792.	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836.	S.S. Nov. 1849.	37	70	10	117	8	0	8	3	2	0	5	4	0	130
" Evan. ch.	Sept. 7, 1791.	Jonathan McGee,	Jan. 13, 1819.	S. S. Jan. 1851.	33	52	33	118	9	0	9	2	0	0	2	8	8	80
Francestown,	1773.	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857.	Nov. 18, 1857.	95	190	55	330	11	5	16	9	7	0	16	4	12	400
New Boston, Pres.	1768.	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842.	Oct. 31, 1855.	52	113	32	197	10	3	13	3	8	0	11	2	5	225
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757.	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846.	Sept. 30, 1846.	40	60	13	113	19	4	23	5	0	0	5	14	2	140
Peterboro', Re-org.	April 21, 1858.	Alfred Goldsmith,	July 13, 1837.	S. S.	24	52	0	76	2	9	11	2	0	0	2	2	0	120
Total, 12.		Pastors, 5. S. S. 6.		Vacant church, 1.	440	888	235	1526	85	34	119	39	24	0	63	52	48	1852

Jonathan McGee, Greenfield, Scribe. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough, acting Statistical Scribe.

SUMMARY

Associations.	Ministers.				Churches.		Church Members, Aug. 1, 1858.				Admitted 1858.			Removed 1858.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Pastors.	Stated Sup.	Wt. C.	Total.	Vacant.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Absent.	Total.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Belknap,	9	1	3	13	4	15	359	710	233	1297	83	22	105	30	34	6	70	45	27	1295
Caledonia,	0	1	0	1	2	3	53	136	0	189	13	1	14	2	0	0	2	4	0	135
Derry,	6	3	3	12	4	13	496	936	286	1639	74	26	100	36	49	1	86	39	30	1542
Harmony,	1	7	3	11	6	14	210	443	118	771	25	11	36	15	11	1	27	14	4	1165
Hollis,	13	2	4	19	1	16	801	1849	564	3217	269	94	363	69	121	3	193	116	41	3337
Hopkinton,	14	1	3	18	4	19	726	1486	445	2464	142	36	178	36	51	5	91	52	52	2100
Lancaster,	1	3	0	4	0	4	75	161	27	263	50	16	66	6	11	0	17	26	10	365
Manchester,	6	4	1	11	1	11	410	959	271	1642	128	59	187	25	58	1	84	73	37	2047
Monadnock,	12	10	2	24	2	24	519	1149	240	1918	87	56	143	37	84	1	122	40	47	2671
Orange,	2	5	3	10	2	9	340	703	215	1222	66	24	90	14	54	1	69	49	19	1134
Piscataqua,	14	13	3	30	1	23	605	1500	375	2485	237	56	293	58	79	4	141	124	35	2498
Sullivan,	8	8	5	21	1	17	556	1055	362	1736	69	29	98	30	48	2	80	30	30	1315
Suncook,	1	4	1	6	3	9	234	432	149	775	22	12	34	28	20	2	50	15	12	447
Union,	5	6	0	11	1	12	440	888	235	1526	85	34	119	39	24	0	63	52	48	1852
Total, 14.	92	68	31	191	32	189	5824	12,407	3470	21,244	1350	476	1826	424	644	27	1095	679	392	21903

EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS.

For the first time in many years *returns* have been secured from all the churches connected with the General Association of this State. In many cases dates and names are imperfectly reported; the importance of these facts to the completeness of our minutes is not realized, and after much care and labor on the part of the Secretary the tabular statements are seriously deficient. As the authority for dates of church organization has not been given, I have not attempted to discriminate by *italics* those which are furnished from original sources. "*Ordained*" in the tables indicates the date on which the person was first set apart to the ministry; "*installed*," the date of his present relation to the church to which he ministers as pastor or stated supply. By "males" and "females," the *resident* members of each sex or the local strength of the church should be expressed; "*absentees*" embrace all others, living and worshipping elsewhere. As this distinction was not uniformly observed, the sum of the columns, marked as above, will not correspond with the sum of the "*Totals.*" The absentees in a few instances having been numerated in the columns of *males* and *females*, before they were distinguished from the resident membership. This source of confusion can readily be detected in the returns which are printed in the reports of the Associations. While it impairs the value of the results which might be deduced from the columns of *males* and *females* in the summary, the remaining columns are not affected by it.

The returns, of Church Membership, Baptisms and Sabbath Schools, are for the year ending August 1, 1858. Names of ministers and changes in the pastoral office have been corrected until the 1st Oct. The catalogue is probably incomplete; the names, P. O. address and ministerial connection of clergymen are given so far as they could be obtained from reliable sources. This new feature of the minutes will repay whatever care is required in its preparation.

CHURCHES.—The whole number reported is 189, Unity, which has only a nominal existence, being omitted this year. Of thirty-three churches without pastors, eleven are temporarily destitute, the remainder need assistance in maintaining the ordinances of public worship. Sixty-two churches secure the services of preachers who are employed by the year, and ninety-six, little more than half, enjoy the regular ministrations of settled pastors. The reported membership of several of the older churches has been much reduced by the revision of their lists, so as to represent only persons known to be living. Until this work of revision shall be general and thorough, we must wait for the data from which to deduce accurate estimates respecting the progress of religion within our limits.

MINISTERS.—The whole number on the catalogue is 199; [of whom 7 are connected with the Presbytery of Londonderry, 156 are employed as Pastors or Stated Supplies, 2 labor on missionary fields, 2 are Missionary Agents of the N. H. H. M. Society, 1 is agent of N. H. Bible Society, 1 acts as Editor and Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, 7 are professors or teachers, 14 have retired from

active service because of age, 9 are disabled, 7 are engaged in mechanical or agricultural pursuits.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The returns are inexcusably defective. Several of the District Associations have appointed faithful Statistical Scribes, who have exhibited a commendable zeal in the cause; in others the subject has not secured general attention. If the churches shall adopt the recommendations of the General Associations, see page 9, and the District Associations will comply with the rules provided for the collection and return of statistics, see page 6, the tables appended to the published minutes will then present intelligible and satisfactory statements.

In respect to the direction of the Secretary on the blank sent to the Pastors for statistical returns, observe, "Absentees are to be included in the total," means that *resident* males are to be entered in the column for males, and *resident* females in the column for females; next, all the absentees, whether male or female, entered in the column for absentees; and then, the sum of males, females, and absentees, entered in the column for total.

With sincere thanks to those who have been my helpers, both ministers and laymen, and especially to Dr. Richards in revising the proofs, I submit the preceding reports.

In the column of Ordinations, in a few instances dates have been taken from printed records; but as these do not always distinguish between ordination and installation, errors may be detected, which it is hoped will be promptly reported to the Statistical Secretary.

J. G. DAVIS, Statistical Secretary.

AMHERST, OCTOBER 12, 1858.

ALPHABETICAL CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New Hampshire, with their Post-Office address.

The Numbers refer to District Associations.

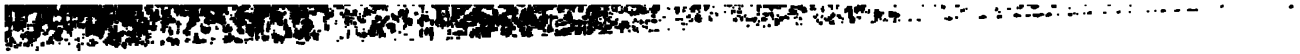
Adams, Ezra	9	*Gilsum.*
Adams, John	10	*Hanover Centre.*
Alden, Lucius	11	*New Castle.*
Angier, Marshall B.	6	*Hopkinton.*
Anthony, George N.	11	*Great Falls.*
Armes, Josiah L.	12	*Langdon.*
Austin, Franklin D.	9	*Jaffrey East.*
Austin, Samuel J.	5	*Mason Village.*
Barker, Nathaniel	11	*Wakefield.*
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D.	9	*Keene.*
Bartley, John M. C., Pres.	3	*Hampstead.*
Batchelder, John S.	9	*Jaffrey.*
Bates, John S., Pres.	14	*Antrim.*
Benson, Almon	1	*Centre Harbor.*
Bigelow, Asahel	14	*Hancock.*
Bissell, Oscar	9	*Westmoreland.*

Blanchard, Amos	12	*Meriden.*
Blanchard, Silas M.	10	*Bath.*
Bodwell, Abraham	1	*Sanbornton*
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D.	5	*Concord.*
Boutwell, James	1	*Sanbornton.*
Bowman, George A., Pres.	8	*Manchester.*
Bradford, Dana B.	11	*Salmon Falls.*
Brickett, Harry	14	*Hillsborough Bridge.*
Burnham, Amos W., D. D.	5	*Rindge.*
Burnham, Charles	1	*Meredith.*
Buxton, Edward	6	*Boscawen West.*
Case, Ira	12	*Croydon.*
Case, Rufus	12	*West Lebanon.*
Caswell, Enoch H.	8	*Hooksett.*
Chapman, Elias	11	*Great Falls.*
Claggett, Erastus B.	14	*Lyndeborough.*
Clark, John	1	*Plymouth.*
Clark, Sumner	4	*Wolfborough.*
Clark, William	5	*Amherst.*
Cogswell, Elliot C.. Pres.	14	*New Boston.*
Colby, John	11	*Hampton.*
Conant, Liba	1	*Hebron.*
Condit, Uzal W.	3	*Deerfield.*
Corser, Enoch	13	*Loudon.*
Cross, J. Morrison	6	*Andover.*
Cummings, Henry	12	*Newport.*
Cummings, Jacob	11	*Exeter.*
Curtice, Corban	6	*Sanbornton Bridge.*
Cutler, Charles	14	*Francestown.*
Cutter, Adonijah H.	9	*Nelson.*
Dame, Charles	11	*Exeter.*
Davis, Increase S.	10	*Piermont.*
Davis, Josiah G.	5	*Amherst.*
Day, Pliny B.	5	*Hollis.*
Dennis, Rodney G.	14	*Hillsborough Centre.*
Dinsmore, John	11	*North Hampton.*
Dodge, Joshua	4	*Moultonborough.*
Doldt, James	4	*Milton*
Downs, Charles A.	12	*Lebanon.*
Duncan, Thomas W.	9	*Roxbury.*
Eaton, Joseph M. R.	6	*Henniker.*
Emerson, Noah	5	*Hollis.*
Farwell, John E.	3	*Pelham.*
Fay, Prescott	7	*Lancaster.*
Fifield, Winthrop	11	*South Newmarket.*
Fiske, Albert W.	6	*Fisherville.*
Follett, Walter	5	*Temple.*
Foster, Amos	12	*Acworth.*
French, Daniel L.	8	*Hudson.*

Fuller, Robert W.	12	*Lempster.*
Gay, Joshua S.	13	*Chichester.*
George, Enos	1	*Barnstead.*
Gerould, Moses	10	*Canaan.*
Goldsmith, Alfred	14	*Groton, Ms.*
Goodhue, Daniel	1	*Danbury.*
Goodhue, Nathaniel F.	9	*Alstead Paper Mill.*
Goodrich, Lewis	6	*Pembroke.*
Goodwin, Daniel	5	*Mason.*
Goodyear, George	5	*Temple.*
Greeley, Edward H.	5	*Nashua.*
Greenwood, Charles	9	*Westmoreland.*
Griswold, John F.	12	*Washington.*
Haddock, Charles B., D. D.	12	*West Lebanon.*
Hadley, James B.	1	*Campton.*
Hall, Jeffries	9	*Chesterfield.*
Hall, Thomas	7	*Dalton.*
Hart, Edwin J.	8	*Merrimack.*
Herrick, William T.	3	*Candia.*
Hidden, Ephraim N.	3	*Derry.*
Hill, Charles J.	5	*Nashua.*
Hill, Joseph B.	7	*Stewartstown.*
Hills, James	5	*Hollis.*
Holmes, James	3	*Auburn.*
Hood, Jacob A.	13	*Pittsfield.*
House, William, Pres.	3	*Londonderry.*
Howland, Harrison O.	3	*Chester.*
Humphrey, John P.	9	*Winchester.*
Jennison, Edwin	9	*Walpole.*
Jewett, John E. B.	9	*Jaffrey.*
Jewett, Leonard	5	*Hollis.*
Jewett, William R.	1	*Plymouth.*
Jones, Isaac	3	*Derry.*
Jordan, Ebenezer S.	5	*Wilton.*
Kendall, Henry A.	6	*Concord.*
Kendall, Sylvanus C.	9	*Milford.*
Kellogg, Erastus M.	5	*Nashua.*
Kimball, David	12	*Hanover.*
Kimball, Reuben	4	*Conway.*
Kingsbury, Samuel	4	*Tamworth.*
Lamphear, Orpheus T.	11	*Exeter.*
Lasell, Nathaniel	11	*Exeter.*
Lawrence, Robert F.	12	*Claremont.*
LeBosquet, John	14	*Greenfield.*
Lee. Samuel	5	*New Ipswich.*
Leffingwell, Marvin	11	*Wakefield.*
Lord, Charles E.	5	*Mont Vernon.*
Lord, Nathan, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
Lyman, Giles	9	*Marlborough.*

McClenning, Daniel	14	*Bennington.*
McGee, Jonathan	14	*Greenfield.*
McLeod, Hugh	11	*Brentwood.*
Mann, Asa	11	*Exeter.*
Manning, Abel	6	*East Concord.*
Marshall, Lyman	8	*Manchester.*
Mellish, John H.	11	*Kingston.*
Merriam, William M.	11	*Kensington.*
Merrill, Enos	10	*Orford.*
Merrill, Horatio	6	*Salisbury.*
Merrill, John H.	4	*Tamworth.*
Merrill, Stephen	4	*North Wolfborough.*
Miller, Tobias H.	11	*Portsmouth.*
Moody, Howard	6	*Canterbury.*
Moore, Humphrey, D. D.	5	*Milford.*
Moore, Mason,	11	*Lee.*
Newell, Gad	9	*Nelson.*
Newhall, Ebenezer, Pres.	8	*Litchfield.*
Norton, Thomas S.	9	*Sullivan.*
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Ordway, Jairus	13	*Gilmanton Iron Works.*
Otis, Israel T.	11	*Rye.*
Page, Jesse	8	*Atkinson.*
Page, William	3	*Salem.*
Palmer, James M.	11	*Rochester.*
Parker, Henry E.	6	*Concord.*
Parsons, Benjamin F.	11	*Dover.*
Parsons, Ebenezer G.	3	*Derry.*
Patrick, William	6	*Boscawen.*
Pratt, Horace	7	*Colebrook.*
Price, Ebenezer	6	*Boscawen West.*
Putnam, John M.	8	*Dunbarton.*
Putnam, John N.	12	*Hanover.*
Ray, John W.	8	*Goffstown.*
Richards, Austin	5	*Nashua.*
Richards, Cyrus S.	12	*Meriden.*
Richards, John, D. D.	12	*Hanover.*
Richardson, Elias H.	11	*Dover.*
Richardson, Henry	12	*Goshen.*
Robie, Edward	11	*Greenland.*
Rowe, Elihu T.	12	*Meriden.*
Russell, Carey	2	*Littleton.*
Russell, William	5	*New Ipswich.*
Sanborn, Edwin D.	10	*Hanover.*
Sargent, Roger M.	1	*Gilmanton.*
Savage, Thomas, Pres.	8	*Brdford.*
Savage, William T.	6	*Franklin.*
Sawin, Thomas P.	5	*Brookline.*
Sawyer, Daniel	5	*South Merrimack.*

Scales, Jacob	12	*Plainfield.*
Sheldon, Nathaniel W.	9	*Stoddard.*
Shepard, John W.	5	*Nashua.*
Shurtleff, Roswell, D. D.	10	*Hanover.*
Smith, Ambrose	6	*Boscawen.*
Smith, Bezaleel	9	*East Alstead.*
Smith, William S.	11	*Stratham.*
Smith, Windsor A.	10	*Orford.*
Spaulding, Alva	12	*Cornish.*
Stearns, Josiah H.	11	*Epping.*
Stone, Benjamin P. D. D.	6	*Concord.*
Stowe, John M.	9	*Walpole.*
Tappan, Daniel D.	4	*Farmington.*
Tenney, Asa P.	6	*Concord West.*
Tenney, Charles	3	*Plaistow.*
Tenny, Erdix	10	*Lyme.*
Thayer, Loren, Pres.	3	*Windham.*
Thompson, George W.	11	*Stratham.*
Tobey, Alvan	11	*Durham.*
Townsend, Luther	9	*Troy.*
Tuttle, William G.	9	*Harrisville.*
Wallace, Cyrus W.	8	*Manchester.*
Ward, Jonathan	11	*Brentwood.*
Warren, Daniel	6	*Warner.*
Wells, Moses H.	9	*Hinsdale.*
Wells, Nathaniel	3	*Deerfield.*
Wells, Theodore	11	*Barrington.*
White, Broughton	12	*Acworth.*
White, Seneca	5	*Amherst.*
Whiting, Lyman	11	*Portsmouth.*
Willey, Charles	13	*Epsom.*
Willey, Isaac	8	*Goffstown.*
Wilson, John G.	9	*Swanzey.*
Wood, Horace	4	*Ossipee Centre.*
Woods, John	9	*Fitzwilliam.*
Young, John K.	1	*Laconia.*



MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Congr. churches,

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT BOSCAWEN, AUGUST, 1859,

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF McFARLAND & JENKS,
PHENIX BLOCK, MAIN STREET.
1859.

1877, May 1.
By exchange.
Duplicates.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled in the Congregational Church in Boscawen, on Tuesday, August 23, 1859, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum*, by the Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst, from Isaiah 54: 2, 3.

After sermon the preacher took the chair. Credentials of DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS and FOREIGN BODIES were presented, and the following persons enrolled as members:

Belknap,—R. Parkinson, Charles Burnham, R. M. Sargent.

Caledonia,—*None.*

Derry,—E. N. Hidden, H. O. Howland.

Harmony,—Nathaniel Barker.

Hollis,—George Goodyear, Charles J. Hill.

Hopkinton,—A. W. Fiske, Howard Moody, Lewis Goodrich, Horatio Merrill.

Lancaster,—Joseph B. Hill.

Manchester,—Isaac Willey, John W. Ray.

Monadnock,—Z. S. Barstow, D. D., F. D. Austin, Luther Townsend, Bezaleel Smith.

Orange,—Increase S. Davis, S. M. Blanchard.

Piscataqua,—Jacob Cummings, Winthrop Fifield, John Colby.

Sullivan,—Amos Blanchard, R. M. Fuller, Amos Foster.

Suncook,—J. S. Day, J. A. Hood.

Union,—Charles Cutler, John LeBosquet.

General Conference of Maine,—Hiram Houston.

General Association of Massachusetts,—A. H. Quint, J. F. Norton.

General Association of Connecticut,—D. M. Elwood.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island,—D. M. Elwood.

General Association of New-York,—Ray Palmer, D. D.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, N. S.,—J. F. Stearns, D. D.

New-Hampshire Baptist Convention,—E. E. Cummings, D. D.

General Association of Illinois,—J. E. Roy.

Congregational Conference of Ohio,—William Wakefield.

Ex-Officiis,—Ambrose Smith, J. K. Young, D. D., J. G. Davis, Asa P. Tenney.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. W. Ray, Scribe; and Rev. Chas. J. Hill, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Overtures:—Rev. Messrs. Willey, Smith, Cutler.

On Nominations:—Rev. Messrs. B. Smith, Amos Foster, and Dr. J. K. Young.

On Narrative of the State of Religion:—Rev. Messrs. A. Blanchard, H. O. Howland, and A. H. Quint.

Voted, That the Sessions of the Association conform to the published arrangement.

Adjourned till 1½ o'clock.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* The Association met according to adjournment.

Communications were received from the Delegates of the General Association of Michigan, the Kansas Association of Kansas Territory, the General Association of Iowa, the Conference of Congregational Churches of Minnesota, and the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

2 *o'clock P. M.* The hour for public services having arrived, the Sabbath School Society held its Anniversary. After prayer by Rev. W. T. Savage, addresses were made by Mr. M. H. Sargent, of Boston; Rev. Chas. J. Hill, of Nashua; Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, Me.; Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester.

Reports on the State of Religion in the Churches were given by the delegates of the District Associations.

3½ *o'clock P. M.* The New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society held its Anniversary. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Webster, of Massachusetts, addresses were made by Rev. Profs. Noyes and Brown, of Dartmouth College, and Rev. I. N. Tarbox, of Boston. The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches connected with this Association to take up collections for the Education Society on the Sabbath preceding or following the annual concert of prayer for colleges.

The resolution was adopted, and followed by addresses from Rev. Dr. Badger, of New-York; Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Messrs. Wallace and Davis.

After prayer the Association resumed business.

CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. G. Davis, from the committee appointed last year to submit to the churches the question, "Shall we have a State Conference, or introduce a lay delegation into the General Association?" read a report which presented the action of the churches, and concluded with a recommendation: "That without departing from the ecclesiastical basis of the present organization, lay delegates be introduced from existing conferences, and from such as may hereafter be organized; the number of delegates, both lay and clerical, not to exceed sixty members; also, that a committee of five be appointed to secure the appointment of delegates from existing conferences, in just proportions, to attend the next annual meeting of this body, when this committee shall report such modifications of our constitution as the case shall require, and the detail and arrangement of these particulars shall be revised and adjusted by the Association." The report was accepted and laid on the table.

The Committee with reference to a Sabbath School Convention, reported that "they had found a very general interest in the subject, and would recommend the holding of a State Sabbath School Convention during the coming Autumn; and that a committee be appointed to carry out the recommendations of the report." The report was accepted and laid on the table.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

7 *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment. The Report of the Treasurer of "The Widows' Charitable Fund" was read and accepted.

The Report of the Committee in regard to a Sabbath School Convention was taken up, adopted, and the following persons appointed committee of arrangements: Rev. Messrs. Savage, Marshall, Wallace, Merrill, Smith, Day, Hill, and Parsons.

The Report of the Committee in regard to a State Conference was taken up, discussed, adopted, and the following persons were appointed a committee to carry into effect the recommendation of the report: Rev. J.G. Davis, Isaac Willey, J. K. Young, D. D., A. Tobey, and J. P. Humphrey.

The Report of the Statistical Secretary was read.

7½ *o'clock P. M.* After prayer by Rev. Isaac Rogers, the evening was devoted to hearing reports from the following delegates from corresponding bodies:

Rev. Dr. E. E. Cummings, from the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention.

Rev. Mr. Houston, from the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. A. H. Quint, J. F. Norton, from the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. J. F. Stearns, D. D., from the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, N. S.

Rev. D. M. Elwood, from the General Association of Connecticut and Rhode-Island.

Rev. Wm. Wakefield, from the General Conference of Ohio.

Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., from the General Association of New-York.

After prayer, adjourned to Wednesday, 8 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock A. M.* The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. Smith.

Voted, That the Rules of the Association be printed with the minutes.

The Report of the Committee "on Coöperation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions," was presented by Rev. A. W. Burnham, D. D. It was accepted, and after an animated discussion laid on the table.

9 *o'clock A. M.* After prayer by Rev. Amos Foster, addresses were made by the following persons, in behalf of benevolent societies:

Rev. Mr. Farnham, of the Southern Aid Society.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood, of the American Tract Society (at New-York.)

Rev. J. W. Alvord, of the American Tract Society (at Boston.)
Rev. Dr. Clark, of the Congregational Library Association.
Rev. Mr. Webster, of the Church Anti-Slavery Society.
Rev. S. W. Hanks, of the Seamen's Friend Society.
Rev. Wm. Warren and Rev. Dr. Meigs, of the A. B. C. F. M.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. Rev. Asa P. Tenney was reëlected Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Bouton, Auditor.

Voted, That the tax for the following year be *fifty* cents, and that all arrears due from District Associations be collected.

Voted, That the delegates of the District Associations be responsible to the Treasurer for the taxes due from the bodies they represent.

Voted, That all members of District Associations are expected to pay the annual tax.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Badger, of New-York, and Rev. I. S. Davis, of Piermont, officiate at the communion table.

10½ *o'clock A. M.* The Association gave place to the Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Bible Society. In the absence of the President, Rev. C. W. Wallace took the chair. The Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and accepted, and addresses made by Rev. Messrs. Rowe, of Meriden, and Clark, of the Sandwich Islands.

After prayer the Association resumed business, when the following nominations were reported by the nominating committee:

Secretary for Sabbath Schools,—Rev. Jacob Cummings.

To Certify to the Standing of Ministers,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Dr. Burnham, Dr. J. K. Young, Dr. N. Lord, Dr. Z. S. Barstow, Austin Richards, Thomas Savage, J. Woods, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, A. Bodwell.

Committee on Publication,—J. G. Davis, J. W. Ray, Chas. J. Hill, Prof. Noyes.

Committee on Place and Preacher,—J. K. Young, D. D., E. N. Hidden, R. M. Sargent.

Pastoral Letter,—Rev. E. Buxton.

The persons above named were then elected.

The following resolutions in regard to the American Tract Society (at Boston) were adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the purposes of the American Tract Society (at Boston) to furnish a christian literature to all classes of persons in our country, and throughout the world; and especially their plans to aid the churches in their work of home evangelization.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the evangelical churches of New-Hampshire the taking of an annual collection for this Society.

Resolutions recommending an American Congregational Union were offered, and laid on the table.

The Committee on Nominations reported as delegates to Foreign Bodies the following list, which was adopted:

To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons.
Substitute, Rev. H. Merrill.

To the General Convention of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. C. A. Downs.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. E. H. Richardson.
Substitute, Rev. E. Buxton.

To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. J. G. Davis.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island:
Primary, Rev. G. Lyman.
Substitute, Rev. C. Cutler.

To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. P. B. Day.
Substitute, Rev. R. W. Lawrence.

To the General Conference of Ohio:
Primary, Rev. J. Holmes.
Substitute, Rev. C. E. Lord.

To the General Association of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. A. Benson.
Substitute, Rev. D. B. Bradford.

To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. D. Goodwin.
Substitute, Rev. H. Cummings.

To the General Associations of Illinois and Iowa:
Primary, Rev. John Colby.
Substitute, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.
Primary, Rev. W. A. Smith.
Substitute, Rev. R. Case.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:
Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker.
Substitute, Rev. Isaac Willey.

To the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. Amos Foster.
Substitute, Rev. M. Gerould.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference:
Primary, Rev. C. Burnham.
Substitute, Rev. E. H. Greeley.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention:
Primary, Rev. J. M. Palmer.
Substitute, Rev. J. M. Stow.

To the Canada Congregational Union:
Primary, Rev. E. Tenney.
Substitute, Rev. A. P. Tenney.

To the General Association of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. W. T. Savage.
Substitute, Rev. M. B. Angier.

To the General Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. J. M. Putnam.
Substitute, Rev. J. W. Ray.

To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.
Substitute, Rev. H. Brickett.

Preacher for the next Association:
Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.
Substitute, Rev. A. Richards.

After prayer adjourned to 1½ P. M.

The resolutions recommending an American Congregational Union were taken from the table and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, As the sense of this Association, that it is expedient to form an American Congregational Union, upon the well established principles of our Puritan fathers, to meet in General Convention once in —— years, for mutual consultation, comfort and strength.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to other Congregational bodies to bring this subject before them, and request them to take action upon it, and, if they approve, appoint a committee to aid in conjunction with like committees from other bodies, in arranging and organizing such a Convention.

2 *o'clock P. M.* After singing and prayer, the Report on the State of Religion in the Churches was read by Rev. Amos Blanchard, accepted and ordered to be printed with the minutes. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Stearns, a sermon was preached by Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., from John 10: 9, which was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper—Rev. Dr. Badger and Rev. I. S. Davis officiating at the table.

4½ *o'clock P. M.* The Report on the Coöperation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions was called up, discussed, amended by striking out the first resolution, and assigned to Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

After prayer by Rev. J. G. Davis, adjourned.

7½ *o'clock P. M.* The New-Hampshire Missionary Society held its Anniversary. The Report of the Secretary was read, and addresses made by Rev. Mr. Clark, and Rev. Dr. Badger of New-York.

Thursday, 8 *o'clock A. M.* Met according to adjournment. The minutes of preceding sessions read. The Report on the Coöperation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in Home Missions was discussed by Rev. Dr. Stearns, Rev. Samuel Lee, Rev. Dr. Badger, (on request) and others; whereupon the following resolution of the committee was adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially approve, not only of the general plans and operations of the American Home Missionary Society, but particularly of the principles adopted, and the course pursued by the Executive Committee of that Society, in the case of the Alton Presbytery; and we commend the Committee for their strict and impartial adherence in that, and, so far as we have knowledge, in every other official act, to the principles and conditions of the system which they are appointed to administer.

Voted, That four hundred copies of the minutes be printed.

Voted, That the next meeting be at Claremont, and that the Hopkinton Association furnish the preacher of the *Concio ad Clerum*.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the people of this place, through their pastor, for their cordial hospitality on the present occasion; to the Congregational Society, for the first use of their house of worship, since its having been so tastefully remodeled; to the ladies, for their generous collation, and to the choir of singers, for their acceptable services.

A communication was received from the Committee on the Whitefield Monument, on which the Association decided not to take action at the present meeting.

The Committee with reference to a Sabbath School Convention reported in favor of holding a Convention at Manchester, on the 25th and 26th of October, which report was adopted.

Thursday, 10 *o'clock A. M.* After singing and prayer, Rev. Dr. Bouton delivered an historical discourse from I. Kings 8: 57; Eph. 4: 3, and 2: 20.

1.45 *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the thanks of this body be given to Rev. Dr. Bouton, for his able and instructive discourse, and that a copy be requested for publication; and the manuscript solicited for preservation in the archives of the Association.

Voted, That Rev. J. G. Davis, Dr. B. P. Stone, and the author, be a committee to provide for the publication of this discourse, in such form as they shall deem expedient.

Voted, To adjourn at the close of the public exercises of the afternoon.

2 *o'clock P. M.* The afternoon was occupied with addresses from Rev. Drs. Burnham, Clement, Bouton, Barstow, Stone, and Messrs. I. N. Davis, Buxton, A. Smith, Sargent, Lawrence, Clark, and others, which abounded in anecdotes of deceased ministers, reminiscences of early history, and interesting facts relating to the planting and prosperity of our churches.

After singing and prayer, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

Z. S. BARSTOW, *Moderator*.

J. W. RAY, *Scribe*.

CHARLES J. HILL, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The religious condition of the Congregational Churches of New-Hampshire presents many things as cause of gratitude and joy, as well as others which ought to be the occasion of regret and repentance on the part of both ministers and people. The past year, though not marked by so many precious and extensive revivals as the preceding, has yet been one of general progress and prosperity. The Narrative, for the year 1858, speaks of the wonderful interposition of the Great Head of the Church in shedding forth the regenerating influences of the Holy Spirit, in quickening his own people, in the conversion of the impenitent, and in the ingathering of the new converts into the fold of the "Good Shepherd." The ecclesiastical year just closed, though the renewing influences of the Spirit have been in a measure withdrawn, has yet been a season in which the results of this work of grace have been more fully seen and tested. Some of our larger churches have received accessions to their membership; to others, less able, a few have been added, by which their pecuniary and moral strength have been increased; while in some of the more feeble, the things that remained and were ready to die, have been preserved. Peace has generally prevailed. Nor have bitter and angry controversies, in regard to doctrines and measures, disturbed the harmony either of the ministry or the membership. There appears to have been a steady increase in the numbers attending public worship, and the children collected in the Sabbath Schools; while all the objects of benevolence and philanthropy have taken a deeper hold on the conscience and affections of both ministers and people. While, therefore, in respect to the evils which still exist among us, and the great work left undone, which ought to be done, we have much to deplore, we still have much to cheer our hopes and animate our zeal, so that in view of what has been effected we have occasion to "thank God and take courage."

In the reports of the several district associations, some facts of a cheering and interesting character are presented.

A season of refreshing has been enjoyed by the church in Conway, belonging to the Harmony Association, by which it has received an addition of eighteen members. In the Hopkinton Association, though reporting no special revival, yet, as the fruit of the good work enjoyed the year preceding, one hundred and thirty have been added to the ten different churches. The churches of the Lancaster Association, not reported last year, report, as the results of the revival enjoyed in 1858, that additions have been made to the churches in Colebrook, Lancaster, and Stewartstown, by which their pecuniary strength has been increased, and their moral influence greatly extended. To the eleven churches belonging to the Manchester Association, ninety-eight have been added by profession, and forty-four by letter. The report from the Monadnock Association says: "No extensive work of grace has been enjoyed within our bounds during the year. The churches of Keene, East Alstead, Marlow, Hinsdale, and Winchester, have been favored with some tokens of the Spirit, by which fifty-seven have been added to their number by profession." To the churches comprising the Orange Association, ninety-five have been added as the fruits of former revivals. The additions to the twenty-three churches within

the bounds of the Piscataqua Association, have exceeded the removals by more than one hundred. In the church of Lempster, belonging to the Sullivan Association, a revival was in progress at the time of our last meeting, which resulted in the addition of twenty to the First Congregational Church, and six to the second. The other churches of this Association, where cases of individual conversion have occurred, are Cornish, Meriden, (among the students in Kimball Union Academy) and Washington. The general revival of the last year extended to most of the churches of the Union Association, increasing their numbers, and adding to their efficiency. The smallest and feeblest congregation within its bounds, enjoying the labors of a pastor less than one third of the time, has been signally blessed; and as the fruit of the good work, twelve persons, worthy young ladies, united with the church by profession, on the last Sabbath. The Derry Association reports no general revival, but some additions have been made to nearly all the churches within its bounds.

In this connection it may be proper to record the death of two venerable fathers in the ministry: the Rev. Gad Newell, of Nelson, and the Rev. Nathaniel Wells, of Deerfield, and, also, the loss which the cause of piety and learning has sustained in the death of Dr. John Richards, pastor of the church at Hanover, and Prof. Ira Young, of Dartmouth College.

The reports from delegates of other bodies in correspondence with us, present many things of an interesting character, suited to strengthen our faith and excite us to renewed diligence in our Master's service. From various parts of our own land, we learn that revivals, of greater or less extent, have been enjoyed, and large accessions made to the churches. The causes of Foreign and Home Missions, of Sabbath Schools, and Tract distribution, of the condition of the enslaved, and, perhaps, of Temperance, enlist the prayers and receive the pecuniary aid of our churches to a greater extent than ever before. The cause of Education is heartfelt and progressive. Large numbers of pious young men have their attention turned to the ministry, and are in a course of training for the sacred office. From Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, we hear of the wonderful work of the Spirit, in moving large masses, and in bringing multitudes to receive the truth in Christ, and to confess him, to the glory of God the Father.

Brethren, we now close the fiftieth anniversary since the organization of the General Association of New-Hampshire. Those venerable men who took part in giving it shape and character, have, with one or two exceptions, passed away. Since then, our churches have been enlarged in numbers, wealth, and moral influence. The little one has become strong; that which was born in weakness has increased in power. The seed scattered beside all waters has brought forth an abundant harvest. The time and the occasion admonish those of us who have passed middle life, that what we do should be done quickly; while it should excite the more youthful, who have recently girded on the harness, "to do with their might, &c." The Master will soon come and reckon with his servants. If the thousands of ministers belonging to our own and other evangelical denominations, and the tens of thousands of members of our churches, were all "adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things,"—consecrated in body and spirit a living sacrifice—united in love, and provoking one another only to good works, then might we expect to witness such results as have not been seen since, from the Union Prayer Meeting in Jerusalem, the fishermen of Galilee, baptized by the Holy Spirit, went forth to the conquest of a world lying in wickedness.

Let us, then, "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

AMOS BLANCHARD, *for the Committee.*

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The General Association of New-Hampshire, in accordance with annual usage, presents christian salutations to the churches with which it is connected.

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN—

Permit us to remind you that you are called upon for devout thankfulness to God for the rich bestowments of his grace in the conversion and salvation of souls the past year, by which your hearts have been encouraged and your hands strengthened. Great additions have been made to different portions of the Lord's heritage since you were last addressed by this body. Already, as the professed servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, you have entered his vineyard to toil in it and wear out in it. Active service is demanded of the entire company of the Lord's friends. They are his representatives in the present world, to give a practical exhibition of the reality, the beauty and the power of godliness reigning in the heart. The great duty now devolving upon you, christian brethren, is to advance with accelerated progress in the Lord's service. And we would urge upon you the faithful discharge of this duty—

1. *Because there is much to be done on your own behalf.*

Under the divine injunction resting on them, the Children of Israel could neither stand still nor recede, and yet do their duty. Their duty was to go forward. And doing that, the Lord cleared a passage-way in the sea, and they advanced and went even through on dry land. Neither can the Lord's followers stand still or recede in relation to their christian course, and yet do their duty. They have not made all those attainments in the new life that are required to be vigorous, active, growing christians in the Master's service. In reaching these attainments, it will not meet the claims of the spiritual man, and add to his growth and strength, to remain idle or stationary in the Lord's vineyard. They must advance—press on. Progress in the new life is indispensable to meet the requisitions of the gospel upon the disciples of Jesus. It is enjoined upon them by the Master's authority, "To leave the things that are behind, and reach forth unto those that are before, and press toward the mark for the prize." This, it is obvious, can not be done unless the disciples of Christ are moving onward. The great prize to which they are

called, by the grace of God, is before and not behind them. An advance in piety—in spiritual attainments—in devotedness to Christ, is indispensable to have satisfactory evidence that the prize is theirs in sure prospect. It is further enjoined upon them by their Lord: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven." Their light shining, and shining with increasing lustre, implies that they are moving on in the narrow path to life, with their lamps trimmed—their light burning with growing brightness, and having oil in their vessels with their lamps. And this implies the exercise of gospel humility: a hearty contrition for sin—sin of omission and commission, and a vigorous faith in the great Master whom they profess to serve.

2. *We would urge upon you the discharge of this duty, because the present condition of your fellow-men demands it.*

God executes his purposes in relation to his kingdom in the present world through instrumentalities. He works by means—and these means are placed in solemn charge with his people. To employ them in an effectual manner, they must be on the watch-tower, and at the post of duty, praying and laboring intensely for the spiritual safety—the good of others. Advance in this service with accelerated progress. The moral condition of such as are out of the ark of safety most urgently demands it. They are in darkness—their minds are blinded—their hearts are hardened—they do not realize their condition and their danger. They are not fully aware of the pending controversy between them and their Maker. He commands their love, and they refuse to give it; he commands them to repent, and they refuse obedience to that command.

And how is this controversy to be settled? this opposition of sin's creating to be overcome? Will the unregenerate yield, and give to God his due? Such is the influence of sin, and such its power upon them, that they have no disposition to cease the controversy and become reconciled to God.

They need help to overcome this terrible opposition of heart—this disinclination to do what the Lord requires. And how are they to have this help? "I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate; I the Lord have spoken it; yet for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

Here is developed the medium through which that help must come. The importunity of the church—the Lord's disciples. And will they engage in it with all their heart, unless they are advancing in the Lord's service, with a burning love for souls, and with a readiness to do God's will in this respect? To reach the position here demanded of you, christian brethren—the highest degree of christian consecration, devotedness and activity is needful to secure the presence of the awakening, converting and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit upon the unregenerate heart.

3. *We would urge upon you the discharge of this duty, because such a course will have the divine approval.*

It is ever safe to be on the Lord's side; to do that which is right, that which has the approval of conscience. God has plainly marked out the way for his people to walk. Although a strait way, he has given no license to either halt in or turn from it, but they are to keep on, striving to achieve the victory over every spiritual foe—the mastery over every enemy of the soul—the entire subjugation of every unholy feeling and unhallowed affection. This is what God requires of them; this is what he approves. Thus God, in his word, represents the path of the just as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Most surely, in accordance with that truth, the Lord's disciples must advance in holy living, in holy action, in increasing fidelity in the Master's vineyard; for in no other way will their faith be as represented—shining on with augmented brightness. Let the servants of God every where give such an exhibition of the power of godliness within, as shall be evinced in every-day, practical life, and they may be sure it will meet with God's approval.

4. *Again, we would urge upon you the discharge of this duty of onward progress in holy living, because of the results to be expected.*

Duty belongs to us; results are the Lord's. He will take care of that matter. The great point before the minds of our Lord's disciples is duty, at which they are to look—duty demanded, duty to be discharged. The results that will follow will be in proportion to the discharged duty now resting upon them. They have a right to expect this from christian duty done, both in regard to christians individually, in their spiritual profit, and to the prosperity of Zion. If not, what means that language, "Ask and it shall be given you?" And that: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven?" And what are the results expected in view of the growing activity and fidelity of our Lord's friends? Just such as have been witnessed the past year within the borders of our Zion and elsewhere. Such as are now witnessed in some parts thereof—a powerful revival of religion in the churches, and a great work of reformation among the unregenerate. The spirit of God, in answer to prayer and corresponding effort, in large measure, is poured out, and his regenerating work has been effected upon the hearts of vast numbers of all classes of men.

Souls have been renewed and sins forgiven, and a new song is in the mouth of great numbers of converted ones, even praise unto God. What transporting interest to christian pilgrims on the watch-tower, meek, humble penitent there, and in the faithful discharge of christian duty; what joy imparted to thousands of new born souls—joy unknown before—in their deliverence from sin and acceptance with God. Such are results expected when the Lord's people go forward in the path of duty, with holy hearts—with praying hearts and vigorous efforts for the conversion of souls. Press on, then, christian brethren, in the Lord's service, and by faith, and prayer, and labor, strive to secure like results to our beloved Zion the coming year.

J. McGEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,
In account with A. P. TENNEY, *Treasurer.*

Cr.

1858.					
Aug. 25.	Received of	Belknap Association		$1.00	
	"	Hollis	"	4.00	
	"	Harmony	"	1.50	
	"	Orange	"	1.50	
	"	Monadnock	"	3.25	
Dec'r 16.	"	Derry	"	2.50	
1859.					
April 30.	"	Piscataqua	"	7.00	
July 22.	"	Piscataqua, additional		2.00	
Aug. 9.	"	Hopkinton	"	1.25	
	Balance on last year's account,			7.19	
					$31.19

Dr.

1858.				
Aug. 25.	Paid J. G. Davis' bill, printing and postage,		$14.07	
1859.				
June 15.	"	Rev. David Kimball, by order of Rev. J. G. Davis,	10.75	
				$24.82
	Balance			$6.37

There is now due to Rev. David Kimball, for printing and distributing last Minutes, ... $50.50
Balance 6.37

Leaving the Treasury in debt at this date, ... $44.13

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of Rev. Asa P. Tenney, Treasurer of New-Hampshire General Association; that he has received, with the balance of last year, thirty-one dollars and nineteen cents, ($31.19) and paid out twenty-four dollars and eighty-two cents ($24.82); and that there is a balance in the Treasury of six dollars and thirty-seven cents ($6.37.)

A bill is still due Rev. David Kimball, for printing, of fifty dollars and fifty cents, ($50.50) leaving the Treasury in debt forty-four dollars and thirteen cents, (44.13.)

N. BOUTON, *Auditor.*

CONCORD, August 17, 1859.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND, was held at the office of the New-Hampshire Savings Bank, in Concord, June 2, 1859.

Present,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Henry E. Parker, Rev. Mr. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, and James Moulton, Jr.

Elected Rev. Dr. BOUTON, *President.*
JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*
FRANCIS N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Elected Rev. Ambrose Smith, of Boscawen, a Trustee in place of Rev. L. Whiting, removed from the State; and Dea. Asa McFarland in place of Dea. Samuel Morril, deceased.

Chose Rev. Dr. Bouton, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, and James Moulton, Jr., Executive Committee.

Chose Asa McFarland, Auditor.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, June 2, 1859,

Voted, To appropriate to the following persons the sum of twenty-five dollars each, to wit:

Mrs. Betsey Hull, Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns, Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Mrs. Abby Lawton, and Mrs. Rebecca French.

At a meeting of the same committee, August 2, 1859,

Voted, To appropriate twenty-five dollars to Mrs. Emily Richards, widow of the late John Richards, D. D., of Hanover.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This General Association shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of August annually; and shall be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., with a *Concio ad Clerum*, by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of the religious exercises, the preacher shall take the chair, and presido till a Moderator is chosen by ballot.

3. A Scribe and Assistant Scribe shall also be chosen by ballot.

4. The Association shall be composed of the Secretary,* the Treasurer, the Minister of the place of the meeting, and Delegates from District Associations, according to the following ratio of representation: viz., One from every Association; two from every Association of seven members; three from every Association of thirteen members; and four from every Association of twenty members. No minister shall be counted or represented in two Associations, and no preacher shall be eligible to appointment as a Delegate, who has not received ordination.

5. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of the Delegates, and report the names of those duly appointed, before the choice of a Moderator.

6. The meeting shall be daily opened and closed with prayer.

7. The Secretary shall previously prepare a docket of business, which may afterward be enlarged by the Committee of Overtures, as occasion shall require.

8. A committee of three shall be early chosen by ballot, who shall nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, and all Committees to whom business or subjects shall be referred for them to report thereon, and who shall also be a Committee of Overtures. The acceptance of their nominations shall confirm them as appointments.

9. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association; nor shall the Moderator, while in the chair, speak to the merits of a question. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

10. Seven members shall be a quorum. No member shall retire without leave of the Moderator, nor have leave of absence without a vote of the Association.

---

* The Statistical Secretary is *ex officio* a member. See Minutes of 1858, p. 6.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND, was held at the office of the New-Hampshire Savings Bank, in Concord, June 2, 1859.

Present,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Henry E. Parker, Rev. Mr. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, and James Moulton, Jr.

Elected Rev. Dr. BOUTON, *President.*
JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*
FRANCIS N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Elected Rev. Ambrose Smith, of Boscawen, a Trustee in place of Rev. L. Whiting, removed from the State; and Dea. Asa McFarland in place of Dea. Samuel Morril, deceased.

Chose Rev. Dr. Bouton, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, and James Moulton, Jr., Executive Committee.

Chose Asa McFarland, Auditor.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, June 2, 1859,

Voted, To appropriate to the following persons the sum of twenty-five dollars each, to wit:

Mrs. Betsey Hull, Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns, Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Mrs. Abby Lawton, and Mrs. Rebecca French.

At a meeting of the same committee, August 2,

Voted, To appropriate twenty-five dollars
widow of the late John Richards, D. D., of Ha

JAMES M

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire assembled in the Congregational Church in Claremont, on Tuesday, August 28, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum* by Rev. Asa P. Tenney, of West Concord, from Luke 17 : 20, 21.

After sermon, the preacher took the chair. Credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following members enrolled :

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Wm. R. Jewett, Royal Parkinson.

Derry—Uzal W. Condit.

Harmony—John Wood.

Hollis—E. H. Greeley.

Hopkinton—Benj. P. Stone, D. D., Wm. T. Savage, Asa P. Tenney, Edward Buxton.

Lancaster—Prescott Fay.

Manchester—Cyrus W. Wallace.

Monadnock—John M. Stowe, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., T. M. Duncan, Bezaleel Smith.

Orange—William Page.

Piscataqua—J. H. Stearns.

Sullivan—Henry Cummings, Chas. A. Downs, John F. Griswold.

Suncook—Jairus Ordway.

Union—Erastus B. Claggett, Geo. Dustan.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Hon. William Haile, Dea. Daniel Adams, Dea. C. P. Frost.

Coös—Dea. D. G. Hutchinson, Bro. John P. Dennison.

Hillsborough—Dea. B. B. David, Dea. Sumner Christie, Dea. David Fisk.

Merrimack—Dea. B. Gile, Dea. —— Sawyer.

11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to prevent desultory remarks.

12. At the opening of the morning session, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read; and the Minutes of the last day at the close of the meeting.

13. The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies shall be certified by the printed Minutes, or by a certificate from the Secretary.

14. The Narratives of the State of Religion in our Churches and Corresponding Bodies shall be written, and brief, so that they can be given, in ordinary cases, on Tuesday afternoon.

15. The District Associations shall annually present the schedules of their churches, ministers, settled and unsettled, the number of their churches, &c. See Minutes of 1858, p. 6.

16. A condensed Narrative of the State of Religion in each Association shall be prepared and reported by a Committee.

17. The Schedules and Narratives of Religion shall be lodged with the Secretary, to be kept on file.

18. The Publishing Committee shall see that the Minutes, as soon as printed, are sent to Delegates to other bodies, and a copy sent by mail to every member of the District Associations.

19. This Association shall, so far as practicable, meet alternately in the eastern and western sections of the State.

20. These Rules shall be read at the opening of every annual meeting.

THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OF THE EXERCISES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION WAS ADOPTED AT THEIR MEETING AT NASHUA, IN 1843.

In order that the General Association may most effectually accomplish the design of its original institution, it is recommended that more time be appropriated to devotional exercises than has been usual for several years past; and with a view to this, that in addition to morning prayer meetings, public religious services, under the direction of the pastor of the place, be held every evening during the session; that the Narratives of the State of Religion be given in on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied, so far as time will allow, with brief exhortations and prayers; that Wednesday forenoon be occupied with hearing reports and addresses on leading benevolent objects, commencing with the New-Hampshire Sunday School Union, to which the first half hour may be devoted; next, the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch Education Society, to which one hour may be appropriated; and then, such other objects as the Association shall direct and time will allow; and, finally, that a Sermon, adapted to the occasion, and not to exceed thirty minutes, be preached before the Communion service on Thursday afternoon, by some person who shall be appointed the year previous, by the General Association.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			6	23	3	32	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	6	2	60
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.			3	5	0	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	50
Campton,	1774	James B. Hadley,	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	27	51	29	107	13	4	17	1	2	0	3	2	6	162
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	17	26	11	54	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	40
Danbury,	Feb. 4, 1809	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	Mar. 2, 1855	32	35	0	67	0	18	18	1	0	1	2	9	2	110
Gilmanton Center,	Mar. 16, 1825	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	April 27, 1852	39	63	19	121	4	1	5	1	9	0	10	2	2	90
Groton,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. 1845	12	16	2	30	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	70
Hebron,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 23, 1823	S. S. 1845	11	29	2	40	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	0	0	100
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.,	Sept. 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	44	103	40	187	5	3	8	2	2	3	7	2	2	135
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	20	41	8	69	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	75
Plymouth,	1765	Wm. R. Jewett,	July 18, 1837	June 25, 1845	30	74	34	138	2	3	5	4	5	0	9	1	4	160
Sanbornton,	1771	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	42	77	15	134	2	1	3	2	0	1	3	1	0	134
Sandwich,	Aug. 1814	Royal Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1848	S.S.Dec.18,'58	12	22	13	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	120
Sandwich, North,	June 27, 1832	Vacant.			7	10	8	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	100
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			8	6	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Union.
Total, 15.		Pastors, 8.	S. S., 3.	Vacant Ch'hs, 4.	310	579	184	1073	51	33	84	15	20	5	40	33	22	1406

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, Ord. Nov. 18, 1806; John Clark, Plymouth, Ord. (when?)

WM. R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

2. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Churches,		Ministers,			Ch'h Mem, Aug. 1, 1859,				Admissions,			Removals,				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	Oct. 15, 1802	T. H. Johnson,	Oct, 1852	S.S. Sept, 1858	13	19	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	85
Franconia,	April, 1814				5	11	5	21	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	100
Littleton,	1803	Wm. S. Palmer,	(when?)	S.S. May, 1859	30	75	15	120	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	150
Total, 3,		Pastors, 0. S. S., 2. Vacant Ch'hs, 0.			48	105	20	173	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	5	1	335

These churches are associated ministerially with churches in Vermont.

T. H. JOHNSON, Bethlehem, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S. S. 1845	21	46	19	86	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	1	1	121
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	May, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	23	35	11	69	3	9	12	1	2	0	3	2	0	140
Candia,	1770	Vacant.			82	128	31	241	0	0	0	6	8	0	14	0	1	193
Chester,	1731	H. O. Howland,	Dec. 18, 1846	Aug. 12, 1857	52	118	30	200	3	3	6	2	8	0	10	1	2	172
Deerfield,	1766	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 28, 1850	July 10, 1855	46	74	18	138	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Derry, 1st Ch.	1749 and 1810	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841	S. S. Aug., '57	64	111	40	215	4	3	7	7	2	0	9	1	2	125
Derry, 1st Con. Ch.	Aug. 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	29	83	18	130	9	5	14	2	5	0	7	5	0	120
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	T. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	16	53	1	70	0	3	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	175
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851	S. S. 1858	17	49	13	79	4	3	7	3	8	0	11	1	0	120
Plaistow,	1730	Vacant.			23	54	9	86	4	0	4	1	5	0	6	1	2	70
Raymond,	1791	Vacant.			63	80	17	160	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	3	0	105
Salem,	1740	John Lawrence,	1848	S. S. 1859	12	23	11	46	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	47	92	9	148	10	1	11	5	3	0	8	6	9	200
Total, 13.		Pastors, 6. S. S., 4. Vacant Ch'hs, 3.			495	946	227	1668	43	35	78	33	46	0	79	21	17	1761

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, Ord. (when?)

LICENTIATES. Henry L. Boltwood, Derry.

EBENEZER G. PARSONS, Derry Village, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

4. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Sch'ool
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841	S.S. Feb. 1856	19	65	19	103	18	1	19	2	0	0	2	9	1	180
Effingham,	Reorgan. 1826	Vacant.			5	18	9	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Farmington,	1819	Vacant.			9	29	3	41	2	3	5	2	1	0	3	1	2	80
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S. 1848	22	54	0	76	2	1	3	3	3	0	6	2	0	175
Moultonboro'1st Ch	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant.			13	27	8	48	0	15	15	1	2	0	3	0	0	0
Moultonboro'2d Ch	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.			5	5	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Wolfboro'	June 17, 1889	Stephen Merrill,	June, 1821	S.S. Nov. 1850	17	27	14	58	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	70
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S.S. May, 1848	27	38	10	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	120
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	John H. Merrill,	May 16, 1849	Aug. 17, 1853	46	69	39	154	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	0	4	110
Tuftonborough,	1839	Vacant.			5	12	4	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Wakefield,	1785	Martin Leffingwell,	1844	S.S. Mar. 15, '57	10	26	9	45	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	80
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood,		S. S. 1859	17	43	3	63	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	2	2	70
Total, 12.		Pastors, 1. S. S., 6. Vacant Ch'hs, 5			195	413	118	726	28	34	62	16	9	0	25	14	12	915

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, Ord. June 13, 1827; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, Ord. November 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, Ord. December 21, 1808; Thomas L. Ambrose, Missionary, Persia.

STEPHEN MERRILL, North Wolfborough, *Scribe.* NATHANIEL BARKER, Wakefield, *Statistical Scribe.*

5. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	68	139	26	233	11	10	21	3	5	0	8	4	2	280
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	26	39	4	69	4	2	6	1	2	0	3	1	0	120
Hollis,	Before 1743	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	90	146	14	250	58	1	59	6	20	1	27	30	4	220
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	S.S.May 1, '57	38	66	22	126	4	2	6	1	1	1	3	3	3	165
Mason, 2d Ch.,	June 3, 1847	George E. Fisher,	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	21	64	36	121	4	4	8	3	2	1	6	3	0	90
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Daniel Sawyer,	May 13, 1846	S. S. 1853	12	29	21	62	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	58
Milford,	1788	S. C. Kendall,	Mar. 29, 1854	April 7, 1858	76	172	52	300	6	6	12	1	2	0	3	4	0	412
Nashua, 1st Ch.,	1685	Charles J. Hill,	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	87	282	92	461	30	9	39	4	12	0	16	4	3	560
" Olive St.,	1834	Austin Richards,	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	100	243	100	443	1	5	6	2	13	0	15	0	1	287
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849	Feb. 24, 1858	57	161	36	254	21	5	26	1	10	1	12	6	3	311
New-Ipswich, 1st,	Oct. 22, 1760	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830	May 5, 1836	47	84	25	156	2	2	4	3	1	2	6	1	0	140
" " 2d,	Oct. 9, 1851	.....	.....	.....	29	52	12	93	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	80
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	Charles E. Lord,	May 8, 1844	Feb. 11, 1857	40	80	20	140	3	0	3	4	0	0	4	2	1	130
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A.W.Burnham, D.D	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	83	129	12	224	2	0	2	3	15	0	18	0	3	208
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	George Goodyear,	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	30	62	19	111	7	2	9	1	4	0	5	1	0	150
Wilton, 2d Ch.,	Dec. 18, 1823	E. S. Jordan,	Dec. 17, 1857	Dec. 17, 1857	26	63	27	116	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	5	0	169
Total, 16.		Pastors, 13. S. S., 2. Vacant Ch'hs, 1.			830	1811	518	3159	162	53	215	34	92	6	132	66	20	3380

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, Ord. October 13, 1802; E. M. Kellogg, Nashua, Ord. October 26, 1842; William Clark, Amherst, Ord. April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, Ord. October 17, 1832; Samuel J. Austin, Wilton, Ord. February 25, 1857.

LICENTIATES. M. C. Stebbins, Lancaster, Mass.; Augustus Berry, Mont-Vernon.

T. P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe.* CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe.*

6. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	....	.....	5	10	1	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	...	....	.....
Boscawen, East,	Oct. 8, 1740	Ambrose Smith,	July 9, 1850	June 15, 1853	48	87	25	160	3	1	4	5	1	0	6	1	3	125
Boscawen, West,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	55	81	30	166	1	3	4	4	3	0	7	0	6	160
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	21	17	54	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	.....
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Wm. S. Spaulding,	Sept. 18, 1848	S. S. Mar. 1859	18	31	6	55	2	3	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	60
Canterbury,	Unknown.	H. Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	Nov. 22, 1843	30	55	33	118	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	4	75
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson,	.....	S. S.	27	45	25	97	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	50
Concord, 1st,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 23, 1825	Mar. 23, 1825	47	147	45	239	2	1	3	6	6	0	12	1	2	190
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Henry E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849	May 14, 1851	86	176	50	312	19	9	28	1	7	0	8	5	5	320
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	Asa P. Tenney,	June, 1828	April 23, 1833	55	109	36	200	7	0	7	4	4	0	8	6	0	150
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Albert W. Fiske,	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	23	53	5	81	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	132
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	William T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	28	66	41	135	24	4	28	0	1	0	1	12	0	175
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	34	100	40	174	18	1	19	10	0	0	10	5	3	200
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	14	5	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	M. B. Angier,	June 8, 1857	June 8, 1857	73	100	25	198	3	4	7	6	4	0	10	2	1	140
Northfield & S. Br.	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	38	91	28	157	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	130
Pembroke,	1808	Lewis Goodrich,	May 13, 1857	May 13, 1857	30	79	33	142	9	0	9	4	3	0	7	6	2	207
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1773	Horatio Merrill,	May 7, 1845	May 19, 1858	26	54	2	82	9	5	14	5	0	0	5	4	3	110
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Daniel Warren,	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	27	63	8	98	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0	80
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	20	2	39	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	2	6	60
Total, 19.		Pastors, 14. S. S., 1. Vacant Ch'hs, 4.			690	1402	457	2549	104	36	140	53	45	0	98	46	36	2394

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., Ord. September 26, 1804; William Patrick, Boscawen, Ord. October 26, 1808; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, Ord. May 26, 1831.

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, West Boscawen; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord.

AMBROSE SMITH, Boscawen, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

7. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Colebrook,.....	Dec. 4, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	14	20	18	52	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	127
Dalton,.....	April 28, 1816	R. M. I. Grant.	Licentiate.	S. S.	5	14	6	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Lancaster,.....	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	38	94	2	134	6	4	10	0	4	0	4	6	2	130
Stewartstown,.....	July 1, 1846	Joseph B. Hill,	Aug. 12, 1830	S. S. 1857	13	22	4	39	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	60
Total, 4.		Pastors, 1. S. S., 2. Vacant Ch'hs, 1.			70	150	30	250	7	6	13	5	5	0	10	6	3	392

WITHOUT CHARGE. Josiah Morse, Northumberland, Ord. (when?)

JOSEPH B. HILL, West Stewartstown, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

8. MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bedford, Pres.....	1750	Thomas Savage,	1822	1826	52	97	7	156	4	2	6	5	3	0	8	2	5	200
Dunbarton,.....	1789	John M. Putnam,	Dec. 13, 1820	July 8, 1830	43	68	18	129	23	1	24	0	1	0	1	4	7	185
Goffstown,.....	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan. 1858	S. S. 1857	31	86	14	131	6	7	13	5	1	0	6	1	1	183
Hooksett,.....	1828	E. H. Caswell,*	1848	S. S. 1857	8	29	17	54	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	1	50
Hudson,.....	1841	Daniel L. French,	1840	S. S.	12	38	4	54	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	70
Litchfield, Pres.....	Reorgan. 1844	E. Newhall,	Jan. 1824	Sept. 1854	4	15	0	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House,	Oct. 1857	Oct. 1857	56	102	30	188	9	3	12	3	0	0	3	2	12	160
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 1840	Jan. 1840	82	234	78	394	24	19	43	3	7	0	10	12	6	447
Manchester, 2d Ch.	1844	W. H Fenn,	Feb. 1859	Feb. 1859	41	110	84	235	19	5	24	5	15	0	20	13	1	350
Manchester, Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Lyman B. Marshall,	Oct. 1856	S.S. Apr. 1856	11	22	19	52	2	6	8	0	1	0	1	2	1	162
Merrimack,.....	1771	E. J. Hart,	Jan. 1856	Jan. 1856	58	115	26	199	11	0	11	4	7	2	13	5	16	187
Total, 11.		Pastors, 7. S. S., 3. Vacant Ch'hs, 0.			398	916	297	1611	98	44	142	28	42	2	72	41	50	2044

WITHOUT CHARGE. George A. Bowman, Manchester, Ord. Aug. 9, 1848, Presbyterian Domestic Missionary.

LICENTIATE. George A. Putnam, Bangor, Me.

CYRUS W. WALLACE, Manchester, *Scribe.* JOHN W. RAY, Manchester, *Statistical Scribe.*

* Member of Suncook Association.

9. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Abel Patten,	Feb. 7, 1832	S. S. 1858	9	23	16	48	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	65
" Paper Mill,	1842	Nath'l F. Goodhue,	.....	S. S. 1858	7	11	7	25	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
New Alstead,	1788	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	June 16, 1852	26	44	28	98	4	1	5	4	0	1	5	1	0	140
Chesterfield,	1771	Jeffries Hall,	June 5, 1833	S. S. 1858	6	26	4	36	5	1	6	2	0	0	2	4	0	40
Dublin,	1827	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	17	14	38	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	50
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Vacant.	.....	.....	43	83	23	149	1	0	1	4	3	0	7	0	3	175
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams,	April 28, 1840	Mar. 19, 1851	15	22	3	40	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	90
Hinsdale,	1821	Moses H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	34	65	11	110	5	4	9	0	5	0	5	1	6	110
Jaffrey,	1780	John S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	32	92	31	155	6	0	6	0	2	0	2	2	1	150
Jaffrey, East,	1850	F. D. Austin,	June 23, 1853	S. S. 1857	22	52	4	78	0	9	9	1	4	0	5	0	4	108
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.,	July 1, 1818	July 1, 1818	66	219	9	294	21	7	28	7	6	1	14	10	19	420
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	25	52	31	108	1	4	5	1	3	0	4	0	2	182
Nelson,	1781	A. H. Cutter,	June 21, 1841	S. S. 1856	31	42	57	130	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	2	150
Harrisville,	1840	Wm. G. Tuttle,	April 16, 1851	Apr. 16, 1851	12	19	22	53	3	6	9	1	2	1	4	2	0	110
Roxbury,	1816	T. W. Duncan,	June 13, 1821	S. S. 1858	4	10	2	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40
Stoddard,	1787	N. W. Sheldon,	.....	S. S. 1858	2	18	5	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Sullivan,	1792	George W. Stinson,	April 19, 1856	S. S. 1859	27	46	14	87	3	0	3	7	1	0	8	2	3	160
Surry,	1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	10	1	13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	15	35	12	62	2	3	5	4	0	0	4	2	1	120
Troy,	1815	Luther Townsend,	Mar. 5, 1845	Mar. 5, 1845	18	34	15	67	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	135
Walpole,	1761	John M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	19	75	7	101	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	112
Westmoreland,	1764	Vacant,	.....	.....	15	50	10	75	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	80
" Ev...	1853	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856	May 14, 1856	4	14	6	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Winchester,	1736	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	50	94	30	174	2	2	4	2	4	0	6	0	0	180
Total, 24.		Pastors, 12. S. S., 8. Vacant Ch'hs, 4			491	1153	362	2006	57	45	102	47	44	3	94	26	42	2747

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. John Woods, Fitzwilliam, Ord. June 22, 1814; Rev. Edwin Jennison, Walpole, Ord. August 7, 1831; Rev. John E. B. Jewett, Jaffrey, unassociated.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

10. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1778	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840	SS.June16,'59	24	78	37	139	21	1	22	3	2	....	5	12	1	250
Canaan,	1803	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	SS.Aug.20,'53	6	19	12	37	0	1	1	1	1	....	2	0	0	40
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	13	0	20	2	0	2	1	0	....	1	1	0	50
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	35	103	33	171	16	3	19	1	3	....	4	8	5	150
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1857	25	44	31	100	14	0	14	1	3	....	4	13	0	75
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenny,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	119	230	34	383	16	9	25	3	7	....	10	11	2	285
Orford,	April 30, 1822	Windsor A. Smith,	Dec. 12, 1839	Sept. 2, 1857	18	45	19	82	2	0	2	0	10	....	10	2	2	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	L. B. Whittemore,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1858	17	52	24	93	1	2	3	1	1	....	2	0	1	50
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	Increase S. Davis,	Oct. 9, 1828	SS.April, 1840	78	52	14	144	0	2	2	1	0	....	1	0	1	65
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Silas M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853	Mar. 2, 1859	9	26	17	52	0	5	5	0	9	....	9	0	0	130
Total, 10.		Pastors, 4. S. S., 5. Vacant Ch'hs, 1.			338	662	221	1221	72	22	94	11	35	....	46	47	12	1245

WITHOUT CHARGE. Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Hanover, Ord. 1809; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, Ord. May 22, 1816; Enos Merrill, Orford, Ord. November 6, 1816.

LICENTIATES. Luther B. Whittemore, William S. Palmer, Prof. Edwin D. Sanborn, St. Louis, Mo.; George N. Abbott, Newbury, Vt.

WINDSOR A. SMITH, Orford, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

11. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1775	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. 1859	13	20	8	41	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70
Brentwood,	Reorgan. 1756	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	19	43	10	72	9	1	10	1	3	0	4	8	0	140
Dover, 1st Ch.	1638 or 9	E. H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	57	181	112	350	46	2	48	1	9	0	10	28	1	250
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 4, 1856	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847	Sept. 4, 1856	13	45	12	70	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	1	130
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1728	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20. 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	47	9	68	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	6	0	64
Exeter, 1st Ch	1698	Vacant.			51	99	5	155	8	7	15	5	2	0	7	5	0	100
" 2d Ch.	Jan. 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 2, 1858	33	104	2	139	11	7	18	1	4	0	5	6	2	100
Epping,	Dec. 17, 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	17	21	1	39	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	80
Great-Falls, 1st Ch.	Jan. 16, 1827	G. N. Anthony,	Oct. 3, 1855	Oct. 3, 1855	41	98	30	169	34	5	39	0	11	32	43	23	4	225
Great-Falls, 2d Ch.	July 20, 1857	R. M. Sawyer,	Oct. 15, 1852	May 13, 1859	17	38	7	62	20	10	30	0	4	0	4	16	0	225
Greenland,	July 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	8	38	4	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
Hampton,	1638	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	64	124	23	211	0	3	3	6	3	1	10	0	1	125
H. Falls & Seabrook	July 12, 1836	Geo. W. Thompson,	(when?)	S. S. (when?)	12	16	14	42	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	0	25
Kingston,	Sept. 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	15	48	10	73	0	2	2	4	0	1	5	0	0	..
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S. 1846	9	28	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
Newmarket,	Mar. 7, 1828	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 6, 1845	S. S. 1858	16	23	12	51	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	164
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1858	58	91	18	167	14	0	14	6	4	6	16	4	2	200
Portsmouth,	1671	Vacant.			68	205	49	322	4	9	13	6	15	1	22	1	3	208
Rochester,	1737	J. M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	19	94	..	113	11	8	19	1	2	1	4	6	3	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	J. T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1844	32	76	..	108	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Salmon-Falls,	May 1, 1846	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	Aug. 11, 1858	10	41	44	95	20	5	25	1	7	1	9	9	0	80
South-Newmarket,	1730	Winthrop Fifield,	May 10, 1837	S. S. 1852	9	17	7	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Stratham,	.....	Vacant,	.....	.....	15	28	3	46	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total, 23.		Pastors, 14. S. S., 6. Vacant Ch'hs, 3.			608	1535	380	2513	192	67	259	40	73	43	156	113	18	*2696

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, Ord. May 24, 1834; Rev. G. W. Campbell, preacher at Kensington; Mr. Mason Moore, at Lee, and Mr. A. G. Bartlett, at Newington.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

* In addition to the 2,696 scholars connected with the Churches of this Association, there are 97 belonging to the Mission Stations, making a total of 2,793 scholars.

12. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	58	99	15	172	0	6	6	7	3	0	10	0	6	100
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	Joseph Garland,	June 21, 1848	S. S.	10	38	6	54	1	2	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	50
Claremont,	Uncertain '70?	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	58	131	54	243	0	6	6	1	2	1	4	1	2	180
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	21	33	19	73	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	70
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	1 Sab. in 4 by Asso.	.....	.....	11	17	5	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	54	79	102	235	1	1	2	1	10	0	11	0	0	120
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1831	S.S. Mar. 1850	14	24	12	50	7	2	9	3	3	0	6	0	0	60
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Isaac Rogers,	Mar. 9, 1826	S.S. Feb. 13, '59	4	6	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Langdon,	1792	Josiah L. Armes,	June 25, 1846	S.S. Mar. 1858	13	27	3	43	6	0	6	2	1	0	3	2	1	60
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles L. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 1849	43	102	5	150	3	3	6	0	4	0	4	0	1	125
Lempster 1st, Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Robert W. Fuller,	June 16, 1841	S. S. July, '56	31	52	10	93	15	3	18	1	2	0	3	8	0	90
" 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837				7	13	7	27	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	25	39	40	104	11	2	13	1	3	0	4	10	3	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	71	119	60	250	1	5	6	10	7	0	17	1	7	174
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Jacob Scales,	Dec. 27, 1820	S. S. Oct. 1842	5	16	7	28	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	25
Washington,	May 9, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S.S. July, 1844	4	29	0	33	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	June 26, 1851	38	63	5	106	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	4	120
Total, 17.		Pastors, 7. S. S., 7. Vacant Ch'hs, 2.			467	887	350	1704	49	34	83	34	41	1	76	24	25	1449

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, Ord. May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Hanover, Ord. October 6, 1852; David Kimball, Hanover, Ord. June 22, 1822; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon, Ord. November 3, 1824.

LICENTIATE. Cyrus S. Richards, Meriden.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe.* RUFUS CASE, West Lebanon, *Statistical Scribe.*

13. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	{ Enos George, / { Jeremiah Blake,	Sept. 26, 1804 /	Sept. 26, 1804 / S. S. 1859	54	74	63	191	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	200
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gay,	Jan. 27, 1848	S. S. Aug. 1, '57	40	65	41	146	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	110
Epsom,	1761	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. 1857	26	51	9	86	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	100
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	14	7	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
Gilmanton I. W'ks	Oct. 12, 1830	Jairus Ordway,	April 26, 1848	S. S. 1857	31	48	29	108	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	70
Loudon, 1st Ch.	1789	Enoch Corser,	1817	S. S. 1857	21	47	8	76	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	50
Loudon, 2d Ch.	Aug. 14, 1828	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	21	8	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay,	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	42	81	17	140	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	0	0	154
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	.....	S. S.	1	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	Dec. 12, 1854	47	113	40	200	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	2	155
Total, 10.		Pastors, 3. S. S., 6. Vacant Ch'hs, 2.			279	515	225	1019	2	15	17	10	5	2	17	1	6	939

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rufus A Putnam, Pembroke; E. H. Blanchard, West Concord; E. H. Caswell, Hooksett.

J. A. HOOD, Pittsfield, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

14. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	Mar. 16, 1853	46	96	28	170	7	1	8	5	0	0	5	3	2	130
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S. May, '59	15	38	0	53	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	53	87	16	156	14	0	14	1	15	2	18	7	1	220
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	20	7	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65
Hillsboro' Bridge,..	May 29, 1839	H. Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1859	S. S.	20	49	3	72	8	5	13	0	0	0	0	4	0	170
Hillsboro' Center,..	Oct. 12, 1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	22	18	52	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	80
Greenfield 1st Ch...	Sept. 7, 1792	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S. Nov. '49	34	66	10	110	7	2	9	2	2	0	4	2	3	125
" Ev. Ch*..	Sept. 7, 1798	Dan'l McClenning,	.....	S. S. 1859	32	48	34	114	11	1	12	3	1	0	4	2	4	90
Francestown,.....	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	84	157	47	288	23	4	27	12	9	0	21	9	12	400
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	56	117	20	193	13	2	15	3	5	0	8	6	3	224
Lyndeborough,....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	47	67	17	131	12	3	15	4	1	0	5	9	8	151
Peterboro' Un. Ev.†	April 21, 1858	Vacant.	.....	.....	24	48	3	75	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	125
Total, 12.		Pastors, 5. S. S., 4. Vacant Ch'hs, 3.			430	815	203	1448	100	23	123	32	36	2	70	43	34	1855

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, Ord. January 13, 1819.

* Reorganized under its present name, January 7, 1834.

† Formed on the dissolution of two churches which occupied the same ground.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Li.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	4	15	8	3	2	13	0	310	579	184	1073	51	33	84	15	20	5	40	33	22	1406
2. Caledonia,	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	48	105	20	173	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	5	1	335
3. Derry,	3	13	6	4	1	11	1	495	946	227	1668	43	35	78	33	46	0	79	21	17	1761
4. Harmony,	5	12	1	6	3	10	0	195	413	118	726	28	34	62	16	9	0	25	14	12	915
5. Hollis,	1	16	13	2	4	19	2	830	1811	518	3159	162	53	215	34	92	6	132	66	20	3380
6. Hopkinton,	4	19	14	1	3	18	2	690	1402	457	2549	104	36	140	53	45	0	98	46	36	2394
7. Lancaster,	1	4	1	2	1	4	0	70	150	30	250	7	6	13	5	5	0	10	6	3	392
8. Manchester,	0	11	7	3	1	11	1	398	916	297	1611	98	44	142	28	42	2	72	41	50	2044
9. Monadnock,	4	24	12	8	2	22	0	491	1153	362	2006	57	45	102	47	44	3	94	26	42	2747
10. Orange,	1	10	4	5	3	12	3	338	662	221	1221	72	22	94	11	35	0	46	47	12	1245
11. Piscataqua,	3	23	14	6	2	22	2	608	1535	380	2513	192	67	259	41	73	43	157	113	18	2793
12. Sullivan,	2	17	7	7	4	18	1	467	887	350	1704	49	34	83	34	41	1	76	24	25	1449
13. Suncook,	2	10	3	6	3	12	0	279	515	225	1019	2	15	17	10	5	2	17	1	6	939
14. Union,	3	12	5	4	1	10	0	430	815	203	1448	100	23	123	32	36	2	70	43	34	1857
Total, 14.	33	189	95	58	30	183	12	5649	11,879	3592	21,120	970	448	1418	362	494	64	920	486	298	23,061

EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS.

THE Statistical year ends with the 31st of July. The printed tables and Summary consequently represent the membership of the churches on the 1st of August, 1859. Changes in the ministry, when known, are introduced until the time of going to press. Blanks in the tables indicate ignorance or carelessness. 0 signifies none.

CHURCHES. The number of churches remains unchanged. Dorchester, in Orange Association, has been added to the list, and Gilmanton East, reported last year by different names in two Associations, now appears but once. Every church connected with the General Association is reported this year. We print no returns of previous years. Of 189 churches, 6 are Presbyterian, 183 Congregational, 97 enjoy the labors of settled pastors, 56 employ stated supplies, 3 employ a licentiate, and 33 are vacant.

MEMBERS. From the results which are embodied in the Summary, it appears that 970 were added to the churches by profession, and 448 by letter—a total of 1418 during the year. In the same period, 362 were removed by death, 494 by dismission, and 64 by exclusion—a total of 920—which leaves an excess of 498 added members. The total membership, as reported August 1, 1859, is only 21,120, which is 124 less than the number reported in 1858, or a net loss of 622. This wide discrepancy may be explained (not justified) in the following ways: Several churches, in revising and correcting their lists, have omitted the names of persons previously reported, without giving the number in the column of *excluded*. Others have never secured the services of a competent and faithful Clerk, by whom their members shall be accurately reported from year to year. The returns, therefore, vary annually, without any apparent reason, unless we impeach the qualifications of those who happen to fill out the blanks. It is painful to publish tables of statistics which present such mistakes and contradictions.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The returns under this head are much more complete than last year; and the increased number of scholars in some of the schools is very encouraging. We need a uniform standard by which to furnish reports, as some give only the average attendance, and others the whole number on their lists.

CATALOGUE. This contains the names and post-office address of all Presbyterian and Congregational Ministers residing in the State, of whom I could obtain reliable information. The returns from District Associations often fail to report the names of unassociated ministers, and the Scribes do not uniformly distinguish between the name of the church and the post-office address of the ministers, when a difference exists.

The following ministers, whose names were on our catalogue last year, have been removed by death: viz., THOMAS HALL, who died February 16, 1859, at Guildhall, Vt., aged 61; JOHN E. FARWELL, who died at Fitchburg, Mass., December 24, 1858, aged 49; GAD NEWELL, who died at Nelson, February 26, 1859, aged 95; JOHN RICHARDS, D. D., who died at Hanover, March 29, 1859, aged 62; NATHANIEL WELLS, who died at Deerfield, December 31, 1858, aged 84.

The changes consequent upon removals and dismissions are not reported so definitely as to admit of publication.

The Minutes are published this year by Messrs. McFarland & Jenks, who have superior facilities for printing. The expense is increased, but the new style of tables and other improvements will furnish some compensation. Much credit is due to those Statistical Scribes who have furnished early and full returns of their respective districts. I am also indebted to Rev. H. E. Parker, for kindly consenting to correct the proof sheets. Errors in names, dates, and other amendments, which will be of use in future issues, will be gladly received by the Statistical Secretary.

J. G. DAVIS,
Statistical Secretary.

AMHERST, October 14, 1859.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 9.
Adams John, Hanover Center. 10.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 11.
Angier Marshall B., Hopkinton. 6.
Anthony George N., Great-Falls. 11.
Armes Josiah L., ~~Langdon~~ 12.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 9.
Austin Samuel J., Wilton. 5.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 11.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 9.
~~Bartley John M. C., Pres., Hampstead.~~ 3.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 9.
~~Bates John S., Pres., Antrim.~~ 14.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 14.
Bissell Oscar, Westmoreland. 9.
Blake Jeremiah, Barnstead. 13.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 12.
~~Blanchard B. H., West Concord. 13.~~
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 10.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 6.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
~~Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester.~~ 8.
Bradford Dana B., Salmon-Falls. 11.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 14.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 5.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Buxton Edward, West Boscawen. 6.
Case Ira, Croydon.
Case Rufus, West Lebanon. 12.
Caswell Enoch H., Hooksett. 13.
Chapman Elias, Great-Falls. 11.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 14.
Claggett William, Bennington. 14.
Clark John, Plymouth. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 5.
~~Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston.~~ 14.
Colby John, Hampton. 11.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 3.
Corser Enoch, Loudon. 13.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 12.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 11.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 6.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 14.
Cutter Adonijah H., Nelson. 9.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Increase S., Piermont. 10.
Davis Josiah G, Amherst. 5.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 5.
Dinsmore John, North-Hampton. 11.
Dodge Joshua, Moultonborough. 4.
Doldt James, Milton. 4.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 12.
Duncan Thomas W., Roxbury. 9.
Dustan George, Peterborough.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 6.
Emerson Noah, Hollis.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 7.
Fifield Winthrop, South-Newmarket. 11.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 5.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 6.
Follett Walter, Temple. 5.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 12.
French Daniel L., Hudson. 8.
Fuller Robert W., Lempster. 12.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 13.
~~George Enos, Barnstead. 1.~~
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 10.
Goodhue Daniel, Danbury. 1.
Goodhue Nath'l F., Alstead Paper Mill. 9.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 6.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 5.
Goodyear George, Temple. 5.
Greeley Edward H., Nashua. 5.
Griswold John F., Washington. 12.
Haddock Chas. B., D. D., W. Lebanon. 12.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 9.

Hart Edwin J., Merrimack. 8.
Herrick William T., Pelham. 8.
Hidden Ephraim N., ~~Derry. 8.~~
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 5.
Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 7.
Hills James, Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 8.
Hood Jacob A., Pittsfield. 13.
~~House William, Pres., Londonderry. 8.~~
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 8.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 9.
Jennison Edwin, Walpole. 9.
Jewett John E. B., Jaffrey.
Jewett Leonard, Hollis.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 8.
Jordan Ebenezer S., Wilton. 5.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 6.
Kendall Sylvanus C., Milford. 9.
Kellogg Erastus M., Nashua. 5.
Kimball David, Hanover. 12.
Kimball Reuben, Conway. 4.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 4.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 11.
Lawrence John, Salem. 8.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 12.
LeBosquet John, Greenfield. 14.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 5.
Leffingwell Marvin, Wakefield. 11.
Lord Charles E., Mont-Vernon. 5.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 10.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 9.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 6.
Marshall Lyman, Manchester. 8.
Means James, West Lebanon.
McClenning Daniel, Greenfield. 14.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 14.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 11.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 11.
Merrill Enos, Orford. 10.
Merrill Horatio, Salisbury. 6.
Merrill John H., Tamworth. 4.
Merrill Stephen, North Wolfborough. 4.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 6.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 5.
Morse Josiah, Northumberland. 7.
~~Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 8.~~
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 12.
Ordway Jairus, Gilmanton I. Works. 13.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 11.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 8.
Page William, Bath. 10.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 11.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 6.
Parsons Benjamin F., Dover. 11.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 8.

Patrick William, Boscawen. 6.
Patten Abel, Alstead. 9.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 8.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 6.
Putnam John M., Dunbarton. 8.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 12.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 13.
Ray John W., Manchester. 8.
Richards Austin, Nashua. 5.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 11.
Richardson Henry, Goshen. 12.
Roble Edward, Greenland. 11.
Rogers Isaac, Enfield. 12.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 12.
Sargent Roger M., Gilmanton. 1.
~~Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford.~~ 8.
Savage William T., Franklin. 6.
Sawin Thomas P., Brookline. 5.
Sawyer Daniel, South Merrimack. 5
Sawyer, R. M., Great-Falls. 11.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 12.
Sheldon Nathaniel W., Stoddard. 9.
Shephard John W., Nashua.
Shurtleff Roswell, D. D., Hanover. 10. 1879
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 6.
Smith Bezaleel, East Alstead. 9.
Smith William S., Stratham. 11.
Smith Windsor A., Orford. 10.
Spaulding Alva, Cornish. 12.
Spaulding Wm. S., Bristol. 6.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 11.
Stinson George W., Sullivan. 9.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 6.
Stow John M., Walpole. 9.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 6.
Tenny Erdix, Lyme. 10.
~~Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 8.~~
Thompson George W., Stratham. 11.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 11.
Townsend Luther, Troy. 9.
Tuttle William G., Harrisville. 9.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 8.
Ward Jonathan, Brentwood.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 6.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 9.
Wells Theodore, Dorchester. 11.
White Broughton, Acworth.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 11.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 8.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 9.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 4.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 4.
Woods John, Fitzwilliam. 9.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

Voted, That a tax of fifty cents be assessed on the members of the District Associations for the coming year.

Voted, That Rev. S. W. Hanks, for the American Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, for the American Tract Society, New-York; Rev. C. P. Bush, for the American Tract Society, Boston; Rev. H. T. Cheever, for the Church Anti-Slavery Society; Rev. David Thurston, D. D., for the American Missionary Association, and Rev. J. W. Turner, for the American Sunday School Union, be allowed to occupy ten minutes each on Wednesday forenoon.

Voted, To attend the Sabbath School Anniversary in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

---

7 *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Rev. J. G. Davis, chairman of the committee appointed last year, "to carry into effect the recommendation of the report" then adopted "in regard to a State Conference," or the introduction of a lay delegation into the Association, presented a report, which was accepted.

Voted, To consider it article by article.

After a partial examination, it was laid on the table.

Public worship. Opening services by Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

Sermon, by Rev. Henry Little, on the relation of the family to individual character; from Joshua 24: 15, last clause.

Association adjourned.

Wednesday. Morning prayer meeting at ½ past 5 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Barstow.

The Association met at 8 o'clock.

After prayer, the minutes of the preceding day were read by the scribe.

The report in regard to a lay delegation was taken up, several articles discussed and adopted.

A communication from the Hollis Association was received and laid on the table till time should appear for its consideration.

The same disposal was made of several resolutions on Slavery, presented by the Committee of Overtures.

Rev. Mr. Tobey led in prayer.

Interesting statements were made by the Delegates of the General Association of Massachusetts and the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, respecting the bodies which they represented.

Rev. Messrs. Hanks, Rockwood, Bush, Cheever, Thurston and Turner, made addresses, according to the arrangement announced on Tuesday afternoon.

Voted, To attend the anniversary meetings of the N. H. Bible Society and the N. H. Branch Education Society in the afternoon.

Adjourned till 1½ P. M.

At 11 o'clock, according to previous arrangement, the Association joined the Sabbath School procession, and attended the following services at the Town Hall: Singing; Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Emerson, of the Sandwich Islands; Singing; Report by the Secretary of the Sabbath School Union, Rev. Jacob Cummings; Singing; Address, by Hon. T. J. Melvin, on the bearing of Sabbath Schools on the welfare of our country; Address, by Rev. William Warren, on the bearing of Sabbath Schools on the cause of Christ in the world; Address, by Rev. Asa Bullard; Singing; Benediction, by Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

The report respecting a lay delegation received further consideration.

At 2 o'clock, on motion of Dr. Barstow—*Voted*, To give place to the Bible Society.

The venerable President, Daniel Adams, M. D., took the chair.

After singing, the Scriptures were read by Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Assyrian mission, who also led in prayer.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., and the Secretary, Rev. J. Willey, having presented their reports, an interesting and stirring address was made by Rev. J. H. Dwight, son of Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, D. D., of Constantinople.

After the exercises of the Bible Society were concluded, Prof. Daniel J. Noyes, President of the New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society, called that body to order. The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Bouton, offered his report, which was accepted. The Secretary, Prof. Brown, made a verbal report. Remarks were offered by Rev. Messrs. D. J. Noyes, Z. S. Barstow, H. Little, C. W.

Wallace, D. Thurston, E. H. Greeley, U. W. Condit and William Clark.

The officers of last year were reëlected.

At the conclusion of these services, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Dr. Bouton presented the report of James Moulton, Jr., Secretary of the Widows' Charitable Fund, remarking that if the Pastoral Convention should be discontinued, the annual income of the fund would probably be diminished about $25, the sum which that body has contributed.

The report of the committee on lay delegation and reörganization was taken up. Having been deliberately discussed, and in parts amended, it was read again, and thereupon adopted as the constitution and rules of the General Association.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone, Messrs. Greeley and Jewett were appointed a committee to nominate such committees as should be required under the new organization. Adjourned to ½ of 7 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Rev. E. B. Claggett—*Voted*, That the thanks of this body be expressed to the Committee on a Lay Delegation, for their careful, patient and laborious investigation of the subject, and for their mature and highly successful report.

At the request of Messrs. Greeley and Jewett, Dr. Stone was added to the committee to nominate committees under the new constitution.

The Pastoral Letter, prepared and read by Rev. Edward Buxton, was accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

As the duties of Treasurer now devolve on the Statistical Secretary, it was *Voted*, on motion of Rev. U. W. Condit, that the General Association hereby express their thanks to Rev. A. P. Tenney for his long and valuable services as Treasurer of this body.

A letter from Rev. E. M. Kellogg was read, reporting his attendance as Delegate at the General Associations of Michigan and Illinois.

Rev. Dr. Barstow read a letter from a Committee of the General Association of Iowa, respecting the American Home Missionary Society, which was referred to the Committee on the subject of Home Missions.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted :

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine, in Thomaston, on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (25th,) 1861 :

Primary, Rev. H. Merrill.
Substitute, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.

To the General Convention of Vermont, in Rutland, June 18, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. C. A. Downs.
Substitute, Rev. James Boutwell.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, in Ware, June 25, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. Charles J. Hill.
Substitute, Rev. U. W. Condit.

To the General Association of Connecticut, in Bridgeport, June 18, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. T. W. Duncan.
Substitute, Rev. Samuel Lee.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, in Bristol, June 11, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. C. Cutler.
Substitute, Rev. H. E. Parker.

To the General Association of New-York, in Syracuse, September 18, 1860:

Primary, Rev. R. F. Lawrence.
Substitute, Rev. A. Richards, D. D.

To the Ohio Congregational Conference, in Cincinnati, June 13, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. C. E. Lord.
Substitute, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, in Madison, October 4, 1860 :

Primary, Rev. D. B. Bradford.
Substitute, Rev. William T. Savage.

To the General Association of Michigan, at Ann-Arbor, on the third Thursday of May, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. H. Cummings.
Substitute, Rev. C. W. Wallace.

To the General Association of Iowa, in Waterloo, June 5, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. William R. Jewett.
Substitute, Rev. J. Cummings.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Cong. Churches,

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,—

HELD AT CLAREMONT, AUGUST, 1860.

WITH THE

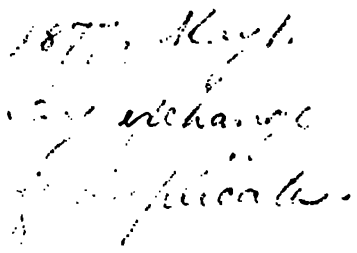
PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1860.



MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled in the Congregational Church in Claremont, on Tuesday, August 28, 1860, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a *Concio ad Clerum* by Rev. Asa P. Tenney, of West Concord, from Luke 17 : 20, 21.

After sermon, the preacher took the chair. Credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following members enrolled :

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Wm. R. Jewett, Royal Parkinson.

Derry—Uzal W. Condit.

Harmony—John Wood.

Hollis—E. H. Greeley.

Hopkinton—Benj. P. Stone, D. D., Wm. T. Savage, Asa P. Tenney, Edward Buxton.

Lancaster—Prescott Fay.

Manchester—Cyrus W. Wallace.

Monadnock—John M. Stowe, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., T. M. Duncan, Bezaleel Smith.

Orange—William Page.

Piscataqua—J. H. Stearns.

Sullivan—Henry Cummings, Chas. A. Downs, John F. Griswold.

Suncook—Jairus Ordway.

Union—Erastus B. Claggett, Geo. Dustan.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Hon. William Haile, Dea. Daniel Adams, Dea. C. P. Frost.

Coös—Dea. D. G. Hutchinson, Bro. John P. Dennison.

Hillsborough—Dea. B. B. David, Dea. Sumner Christie, Dea. David Fisk.

Merrimack—Dea. B. Gile, Dea. —— Sawyer.

Rockingham—Dea. John Knowlton, Dea. Hayden Higley, Dea. T. J. Melvin.

Strafford—Dea. Thomas Adams, Dea. S. Hidden.

Sullivan—Dea. Jos. Wilcox, Dea. S. B. Duncan, Dea. A. Smith.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Benj. F. Clark.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Henry Jones.

General Association of Iowa—Rev. B. P. Spaulding.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S. — Rev. Henry Little.

New-Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. Robert S. Stubbs.

EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Rev. J. G. Davis, Rev. Asa P. Tenney.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. C. W. Wallace, Moderator; Rev. J. H. Stearns, Scribe, and Rev. Bezaleel Smith, Assistant Scribe.

The Moderator led in prayer.

The rules of the Association were read by the Secretary.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Hon. William Haile, and Rev. Wm. R. Jewett were appointed a Committee of Overtures.

Adjourned till 1½ o'clock P. M.

1½ *o'clock.* The Association met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the morning sessions commence at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Messrs. Wm. T. Savage, E. H. Greeley, and R. Parkinson were appointed a committee to receive the narratives of the state of religion, and report thereon.

Rev. Dr. Barstow, Rev. John Wood and Dea. John Knowlton were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone — *Voted*, That all Congregational and Presbyterian clergymen of this State who are present, be invited to sit with the Association as honorary members, with all the privileges of other members, except that of voting.

On motion of Rev. A. P. Tenney — *Voted*, That the same invita-

tion be extended to all lay brethren of our churches who may be present.

Narratives of the state of religion in the churches were given by delegates of the District Associations.

The Christian salutations of the General Conference of Maine, the General Association of Connecticut, the General Association of Iowa and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.), were presented by their respective Delegates.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, having attended the last meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, gave an account of the condition and prospects of their churches.

United in prayer with Rev. Mr. Kendall.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the following appointments were made:

Rev. William T. Savage, Dr. J. K. Young, Dr. Z. S. Barstow, and Hon. William Haile, a committee to consider a communication received from a committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) through their Delegates, inviting the Association to unite with them in a friendly conference on the relations of the two denominations in the American Home Missionary Society.

Rev. Henry Little, of Madison, Ind., to preach this evening.

Rev. Dr's David Thurston and B. P. Stone to officiate at the Lord's table on Thursday afternoon.

The next annual meeting of the Association to be held at the North Church, in Portsmouth.

The Lancaster Association to furnish a preacher for the opening service.

Rev. William R. Jewett to prepare a Pastoral Letter.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence to preach before the communion service.

Rev. Jacob Cummings, Secretary of Sabbath Schools.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Auditor.

Rev. Dr's N. Bouton, A. W. Burnham, J. K. Young, N. Lord, Z. S. Barstow, Austin Richards, Rev. Messrs. Thomas Savage, J. Woods, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, A. Bodwell, John Wood, to certify to the standing of ministers.

Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, J. H. Stearns, B. Smith and Dr. B. P. Stone, Committee on Publication.

Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That a tax of fifty cents be assessed on the members of the District Associations for the coming year.

Voted, That Rev. S. W. Hanks, for the American Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, for the American Tract Society, New-York; Rev. C. P. Bush, for the American Tract Society, Boston; Rev. H. T. Cheever, for the Church Anti-Slavery Society; Rev. David Thurston, D. D., for the American Missionary Association, and Rev. J. W. Turner, for the American Sunday School Union, be allowed to occupy ten minutes each on Wednesday forenoon.

Voted, To attend the Sabbath School Anniversary in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

---

7 *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Rev. J. G. Davis, chairman of the committee appointed last year, "to carry into effect the recommendation of the report" then adopted "in regard to a State Conference," or the introduction of a lay delegation into the Association, presented a report, which was accepted.

Voted, To consider it article by article.

After a partial examination, it was laid on the table.

Public worship. Opening services by Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

Sermon, by Rev. Henry Little, on the relation of the family to individual character; from Joshua 24: 15, last clause.

Association adjourned.

Wednesday. Morning prayer meeting at ½ past 5 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Barstow.

The Association met at 8 o'clock.

After prayer, the minutes of the preceding day were read by the scribe.

The report in regard to a lay delegation was taken up, several articles discussed and adopted.

A communication from the Hollis Association was received and laid on the table till time should appear for its consideration.

The same disposal was made of several resolutions on Slavery, presented by the Committee of Overtures.

Rev. Mr. Tobey led in prayer.

Interesting statements were made by the Delegates of the General Association of Massachusetts and the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, respecting the bodies which they represented.

Rev. Messrs. Hanks, Rockwood, Bush, Cheever, Thurston and Turner, made addresses, according to the arrangement announced on Tuesday afternoon.

Voted, To attend the anniversary meetings of the N. H. Bible Society and the N. H. Branch Education Society in the afternoon.

Adjourned till 1½ P. M.

At 11 o'clock, according to previous arrangement, the Association joined the Sabbath School procession, and attended the following services at the Town Hall: Singing; Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Emerson, of the Sandwich Islands; Singing; Report by the Secretary of the Sabbath School Union, Rev. Jacob Cummings; Singing; Address, by Hon. T. J. Melvin, on the bearing of Sabbath Schools on the welfare of our country; Address, by Rev. William Warren, on the bearing of Sabbath Schools on the cause of Christ in the world; Address, by Rev. Asa Bullard; Singing; Benediction, by Rev. David Thurston, D. D.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

The report respecting a lay delegation received further consideration.

At 2 o'clock, on motion of Dr. Barstow—*Voted*, To give place to the Bible Society.

The venerable President, Daniel Adams, M. D., took the chair.

After singing, the Scriptures were read by Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Assyrian mission, who also led in prayer.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., and the Secretary, Rev. J. Willey, having presented their reports, an interesting and stirring address was made by Rev. J. H. Dwight, son of Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, D. D., of Constantinople.

After the exercises of the Bible Society were concluded, Prof. Daniel J. Noyes, President of the New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society, called that body to order. The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Bouton, offered his report, which was accepted. The Secretary, Prof. Brown, made a verbal report. Remarks were offered by Rev. Messrs. D. J. Noyes, Z. S. Barstow, H. Little, C. W.

Wallace, D. Thurston, E. H. Greeley, U. W. Condit and William Clark.

The officers of last year were reëlected.

At the conclusion of these services, the Association resumed its session.

Rev. Dr. Bouton presented the report of James Moulton, Jr., Secretary of the Widows' Charitable Fund, remarking that if the Pastoral Convention should be discontinued, the annual income of the fund would probably be diminished about $25, the sum which that body has contributed.

The report of the committee on lay delegation and reörganization was taken up. Having been deliberately discussed, and in parts amended, it was read again, and thereupon adopted as the constitution and rules of the General Association.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone, Messrs. Greeley and Jewett were appointed a committee to nominate such committees as should be required under the new organization. Adjourned to ½ of 7 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Rev. E. B. Claggett—*Voted*, That the thanks of this body be expressed to the Committee on a Lay Delegation, for their careful, patient and laborious investigation of the subject, and for their mature and highly successful report.

At the request of Messrs. Greeley and Jewett, Dr. Stone was added to the committee to nominate committees under the new constitution.

The Pastoral Letter, prepared and read by Rev. Edward Buxton, was accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

As the duties of Treasurer now devolve on the Statistical Secretary, it was *Voted*, on motion of Rev. U. W. Condit, that the General Association hereby express their thanks to Rev. A. P. Tenney for his long and valuable services as Treasurer of this body.

A letter from Rev. E. M. Kellogg was read, reporting his attendance as Delegate at the General Associations of Michigan and Illinois.

Rev. Dr. Barstow read a letter from a Committee of the General Association of Iowa, respecting the American Home Missionary Society, which was referred to the Committee on the subject of Home Missions.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted :

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine, in Thomaston, on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (25th,) 1861 :

Primary, Rev. H. Merrill.

Substitute, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.

To the General Convention of Vermont, in Rutland, June 18, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. C. A. Downs.

Substitute, Rev. James Boutwell.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, in Ware, June 25, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. Charles J. Hill.

Substitute, Rev. U. W. Condit.

To the General Association of Connecticut, in Bridgeport, June 18, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. T. W. Duncan.

Substitute, Rev. Samuel Lee.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, in Bristol, June 11, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. C. Cutler.

Substitute, Rev. H. E. Parker.

To the General Association of New-York, in Syracuse, September 18, 1860 :

Primary, Rev. R. F. Lawrence.

Substitute, Rev. A. Richards, D. D.

To the Ohio Congregational Conference, in Cincinnati, June 13, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. C. E. Lord.

Substitute, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, in Madison, October 4, 1860 :

Primary, Rev. D. B. Bradford.

Substitute, Rev. William T. Savage.

To the General Association of Michigan, at Ann-Arbor, on the third Thursday of May, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. H. Cummings.

Substitute, Rev. C. W. Wallace.

To the General Association of Iowa, in Waterloo, June 5, 1861 :

Primary, Rev. William R. Jewett.

Substitute, Rev. J. Cummings.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) Syracuse, N. Y., May 16, 1861:

Primary, Rev. R. Case.
Substitute, Rev. J. H. Stearns.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, at ———:

Primary, Rev. M. Gerould.
Substitute, Rev. J. Ordway.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, at Concord, May, 1861:

Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis.
Substitute, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention, at Newport, October 16:

Primary, Rev. J. M. Stowe.
Substitute, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

To the Congregational Union of Canada, in Kingston, C. W., June 12, 1861, at 4 o'clock P. M.:

Primary, Rev. A. P. Tenney.
Substitute, Rev. H. Cummings.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas, May 23, 1861:

Primary, Rev. I. Willey.
Substitute, Rev. W. R. Jewett.

To the Congregational Association of Oregon, September 6, 1860:

Primary, Rev. J. W. Ray.
Substitute, Rev. B. Smith.

To the Congregational Association of California, October, 1860:

Primary, Rev. H. Brickett.
Substitute, Rev. J. Scales.

The Committee on Conference with the Presbyterian Church presented their report, which was read, and assigned to the session of Thursday, A. M.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, it was *Voted*, That Reverends E. H. Greeley and J. G. Davis, with Dea. J. A. Wheat, of Nashua, act as Committee of Inquiry for the year 1861; and that Reverends Amos Blanchard and Robert F. Lawrence act as Committee on Narratives for the same year.

The hour of public religious services having arrived, Rev. C. D. Jefferds, of Chester, Vt., offered prayer, when the Rev. W. Warren,

District Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, introduced the Rev. S. Emerson, of the Sandwich Islands, and Rev. W. F. Williams, of the Assyrian mission, who presented instructive and animated descriptions of the present state and prospects of the Missionary cause in the countries in which they have labored.

After singing, the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Thurston, of Maine. Association adjourned.

Thursday. Morning prayer meeting conducted by Rev. A. Tobey.

At 8 o'clock A. M. the Association resumed its session. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jacob Scales, and the minutes of the previous day were read.

Rev. Dr. Barstow reported his attendance as Delegate at the meeting of the General Association of Connecticut. Rev. Dr. Stone also reported his attendance at the meeting of the General Conference of Minnesota.

Voted, That the Statistical Secretary and the Committee of Inquiry be a committee to apportion the assessments required of the several Conferences, and publish the same in the Minutes.

The following report of the Committee on Conference with the Presbyterian Assembly was taken from the table, discussed and adopted, without dissent:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the proposal made to this Association by a committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, asking a Committee of Conference on the subject of Home Missions, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report:

From papers submitted to us by the General Assembly's Committee, and from statements made by the respected Delegate from that body, it appears that the principles and policy proceeded upon by the Assembly in the Home Missionary work are, in some points, in conflict with the action of the American Home Missionary Society.

It appears, also, that at its last session, at Pittsburg, the General Assembly resolved that it is "incumbent on the Presbyterian Church to maintain firmly the principles and policy which have been heretofore adopted and acted upon by the General Assembly" on this subject.

They also affirmed that it is no longer an open question whether they should go forward or backward in the work, and that they regard it as a duty laid upon them by the Great Head of the Church not to recede, but to advance in it.

Holding these views, the Assembly yet expresses the desire to effect and maintain a good understanding and continued coöperation with the Congregational brethren. And, having found "all endeavors to effect a satisfactory adjustment of the matters of difference with the Home Missionary Society fruitless," it asks us, with other Congregational bodies, to meet in the proposed Conference.

The American Home Missionary Society, from its organization to the present time, has been the principal agency by which the church connected with this Association have prosecuted their work in the West. Those churches approve, and have ever approved, its principles and method of coöperative effort, and wish still to unite with all desiring it on the common and unsectarian basis on which the enterprise has been hitherto conducted. That basis they do not desire to abandon. The Conference proposed, with the accompanying avowals set forth as the grounds of its action, would seem to contemplate such abandonment. In reply, therefore, to the proposal made by the Assembly, we recommend the adoption by the Association of the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this Association highly appreciates the great work to which the Supreme Head of the Church calls the Presbyterian and the Congregational churches in the Home Missionary field; that we give thanks for the hearty cooperation of these churches in past years in extending the kingdom of Christ in the land, and that we bless God for the result achieved in the establishment of the common faith and the gospel ordinances, where they were not before enjoyed. This fellowship and fruit of labors shall not be lost.

2. *Resolved*, That if the calls of God and the development of the greatest christian energies of the Presbyterian church are thought to require its relinquishment of effort and coöperation with us in the Home Missionary Society, we will cheerfully acquiesce, and bid our brethren God-speed in the great and good, though separate work into which they are led.

3. *Resolved*, That in the proposal made to us to confer with the committee of the General Assembly, on the grounds proposed, we cannot see prospect of good results, and that we are, therefore, constrained to decline it.

Which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE,
Z. S. BARSTOW,
WILLIAM HAILE,
JOHN K. YOUNG,
} *Committee.*

The resolutions on the subject of Slavery were taken from the table, read, and referred to Rev. Messrs. Smith, Condit, Greeley, and Hon. William Haile, as a committee to report on the same.

The memorial from the Hollis Association was taken from the table and read. The object of this communication having been anticipated, as far as practicable, by the rules of proceeding under the new organization, the subject was dismissed.

At 9 o'clock—*Voted*, To adjourn till 1½ P. M., that members might attend the annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, in the vestry, and the public services at 10 o'clock.

Meeting for choice of officers. Hon. William Haile in the chair.

At 10 o'clock, public religious services in the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. B. Coe, D. D., of New-York. Annual report read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark; after which Rev. A Phelps, D. D., of Andover, Mass., delivered a discourse on the application of the Gospel to the masses. After which Dr. Coe presented the special claims of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, in a brief address. After singing and the benediction, on motion of Rev. Dr. Stone, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Rev. Dr. Phelps, for his very able and interesting address on this occasion.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* The Association met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom resolutions on Slavery were referred, offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the disapproval and abhorrence of the grievous sin and wrong of slavery and slaveholding, often expressed by this body, continues unabated; and in view of the powerful influence exerted upon public opinion and practice by christian churches and the christian ministry, this sin and wrong should, in its judgment, meet the same kind yet firm, decided and constant rebuke in the ministrations of the pulpit and the action of christians with which other prevalent moral wrongs are visited.

The Committee on Narratives presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay such bills of the Association as shall accrue during the year. The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. William R. Jewett—*Voted*, That the pastor of this church present the thanks of the Association to the people of Claremont who have favored us with their generous hospitality, and to the choir for their valued services.

An appropriate sermon, by Rev. J. P. Humphrey, from Matthew 27 : 42, was followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Reverends Dr. Thurston and Stone officiating at the table. After the Benediction, the Association adjourned.

C. W. WALLACE, *Moderator.*

J. H. STEARNS, *Scribe.*

BEZALEEL SMITH, *Assistant Scribe.*

PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE TO THE CHURCHES IN THEIR CONNECTION.

DEAR BRETHREN—

HAVING, in our last Annual Address, urged upon you the duty "to advance with accelerated progress in the Lord's service," permit us now, in pursuance of this object, to call your attention more particularly to the duty of having power with God in prayer. As Jacob wrestled with the angel of the covenant, and prevailed, so also has God made provision for all his people, to wrestle and prevail with him at the throne of grace. Therefore it is, that "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

In the economy which God has established for making known the riches of his grace, the efficacy of prayer is made very prominent. The results which are contemplated in this gracious economy, God reaches, not so much by immediate acts of his power, as through the intervention of second causes, especially through the efficacy of prayer. As he furnishes his people with the means of subsistence, by causing the earth, on condition of proper cultivation, to bring forth fruit of herself—"first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear"—so he bestows on them the blessings of the gospel, by "working in them both to will and to do," that, in reliance on him, they may "work out their own salvation." As, in the economy of nature, the golden harvest is secured by the use of means, so, in the economy of grace, the salvation of souls and the attainment of eminent degrees of holiness are granted in answer to prayer. The Savior says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened." "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Here, while the people of God are assured that in answer to prayer he will bestow on them the blessings of the gospel, it is forcibly implied, that, if they do not pray for these blessings, they shall not receive them. Low attainments in personal piety, and a feeble sense of the consolations of the gospel, are sure indications of a criminal neglect of the duty of prayer.

On the efficacy of the prayers of the church, the conversion of sinners and the spread of the gospel are, in a great measure, suspended. By the petition, "thy kingdom come," the Savior assures us that the spiritual blessings comprised in the coming of his kingdom are to descend upon the world in answer to the prayers of his people. The fulfillment of the promise of these blessings is realized only in proportion as his people earnestly cry unto him, "O Lord

revive thy work," and in the words of the Apostle Paul, can truthfully say, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." As the prayers of the apostle availed much for the conversion of "his brethren, his kinsmen according to the flesh," so it is through the prayers of the church that the veil is yet to be removed from their hearts, and "the receiving of them" is to be as "life from the dead." The prayers of the church must have prevalence, also, for obtaining a fulfillment of the promise contained in the prophecy of Isaiah, "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee." True it is, that sinners can be converted and the gospel spread through the world only by the power of God. It is also true, that, in order to bring about these results, according to the gospel plan of salvation, his people at the throne of grace must have power with him. They are permitted to anticipate these results only through the prevalence of their prayers.

Therefore, brethren, grace to have power with God in prayer, you should earnestly and confidently seek, not by your "own righteousness which is of the law," but by "that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Though in yourselves sinful, unworthy, and without strength, yet "Surely," you may say, "in the Lord have I righteousness and strength." Christ offers you his name, his spirit, and his intercession, that, through faith in him, you may come boldly to the throne of grace. In Christ are given you exceeding great and precious promises; especially that of the Holy Spirit, to help your infirmities, and to make intercession for you according to the will of God. Can you conceive that more encouraging provision could be made for your obtaining grace to prevail with God in prayer, than that which the gospel presents to you? To this end, what could be more for your encouragement than the promise of the power of Christ to rest on you, and of the Holy Spirit to rest in you? In regard to the attainment of this grace, God has never said to the seed of Jacob, "Seek ye me in vain." If any one thirsts for this grace, Christ says, "Let him come unto me and drink."

But, brethren, consider what this grace is, and what the reception of it implies; lest, when you come to the Savior for it, he have occasion to say to you, as he did to the sons of Zebedee, when they desired for themselves the chief places in his kingdom, "Ye know not what ye ask." Be not surprised, if, in regard to your attainment of this grace, he shall say to you as he did to them, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" When you ask for grace to prevail with God in prayer, consider whether you are ready to have your petition granted; to have Christ, in granting it, say to you as he did to the Apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness;" and, in view of this declaration, to say with the apostle, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak then am I strong."

Do not imagine that power with God in prayer may proceed from any of those things in which Paul was disposed to glory, while he was alive without the law, and in regard to which he says, "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Do not mistake the mere excitement of the natural faculties and sympathies for the work of the Holy Spirit in helping your infirmities, and making intercession for you, and for the power of Christ resting on you. For, if in regard to prayer you thus indulge a groundless confidence, you will be brought into spiritual bondage, and suffer disappointment, having occasion to apply to yourselves the words of the apostle James, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss."

That you may obtain a scriptural and unwavering confidence at the throne of grace, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure," by being "doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"; by endeavoring to obtain a deep spiritual insight into the doctrines and work of grace, and by seeking to have your hope grounded in the spiritual understanding and belief of such declarations of the Holy Scriptures as that of Paul to Timothy, "God hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ before the world began." That you may have power with God in prayer, learn to fill your mouth with arguments at the throne of grace. To this end, study the divine promises which comprise, in their fullness, all that, according to the will of God, you should ask. Study also the subject of prayer, which relates to your individual growth in grace and fruitfulness in the service of Christ, to the edification of the church, to the conversion of sinners, and to the evangelization of world. "In every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." With the same particularity acquaint yourselves with each other's state and prospects, and endeavor clearly to apprehend the case of individuals who are yet out of Christ, and to lay hold on every scriptural ground of encouragement to hope for their conversion. Let your hearts embrace every point of vital interest, wherever God is manifestly working for the destruction of Satan's kingdom, and for the furtherance of the gospel.

Before God let your closets bear witness of the fullness and fervency of your secret devotions. Love social prayer. Be constant and earnest at the family altar, and assiduously avail yourselves of the various opportunities afforded you by divine Providence, for uniting with your brethren in seasons of religious conference and prayer. Faithfully maintain your weekly prayer-meetings. While you profess to love Christ and his cause, suffer not your absence from these meetings to testify against the sincerity of your profession. Make it manifest to the world that you highly appreciate the privilege of being present where Christ has promised to meet his people.

In all your concerns for time and eternity, derive strength and encouragement only from God, by "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Thus, brethren, may you have wrought out in your personal experience the import of the declaration which was made to Jacob when he had wrestled with the angel of the covenant, "As a prince hast thou power with God, and with man, and hast prevailed."

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In bringing to view the state of religion within the limits of the General Association of New-Hampshire, if we would give to facts their true significance, it is necessary to group them in their proper relations to the laws of their production, and to the Providence of God under which they occur.

He would be a poor observer of nature, who, passing over this goodly State in the month of *leafy June*, should make report—"from the banks of the Connecticut to the shore of the ocean, there are no orchards hanging with rich fruits;" or who, passing from Coös to the Southern line in desolate winter, should cry—"from Dan to Beersheba the land is all barren!" After the orchards have rested, for a season or more, from bearing, there sometimes comes a year in which lavish nature pours out her utmost exuberance, and every tree and spray is loaded with richest fruit. All facts should be observed in connexion with the magnificent energies and laws engaged in their production, whether occurring in the physical or spiritual world,—whether in the domain of nature or of grace.

From the District Associations the well-nigh universal report is, "There have, the past year, been no revivals within our bounds." Is all, therefore, barren? Let him believe it who can. Grouping the facts under a wider law, and taking them in a larger series, we reach a different result. The returns made to us speak of peace and external prosperity; good attendance on the worship of the sanctuary, and increasing interest in the Sabbath Schools.

The returns of the District Associations are defective; some are entirely wanting. We must, therefore, judge from samples. There is a vivacious voice from Coös. "This part of the State," says the delegate from Lancaster, "is sometimes termed its '*picked end.*'" "True," he adds, "but it is a sublime end. I may not speak," he continues, "of the wondrous beauty and grandeur of the mountain scenery, but rather of the *people* whose happy fortune it is to dwell in that glorious part of nature's temple. Lancaster Association, though small, is set in a large place; set to be the light and life of a region 80 miles in extent, north and south." Of the four churches composing it (this is the record), "The church in Dalton is in a more hopeful condition than for many years past. They have recently repaired their place of worship, and when they *have* preaching—of which there is but a partial supply—they fill the house with an interesting and appreciative audience. The church of Stewartstown is in a promising condition. The church of Colebrook have recently repaired their house of worship, built an elegant parsonage, and a pastor has recently entered on his labors there under very happy auspices. Of the church in Lancaster it is said, "We have not been permitted, as at other times, to see scores from all ages flocking into the kingdom. But we have been permitted to see those who then stood up for Jesus, *continue* to *stand*, and to grow in all those elements of knowledge, piety, fidelity and charity, which go to make up a strong church. We have done something the past year, by legal means, to check intemperance; but we are now laboring chiefly to rectify public sentiment, knowing that this inhabiting devil can be exorcised from any community at any time which it chooses; that is, when public sentiment so directs."

From this field of moral struggle we turn to a larger. Monadnock Association has 24 churches. All these, it is reported, have been blessed with tempo-

ral peace and prosperity; yet, in no one of them, has a revival of religion occurred. The whole number added is only about two thirds as great as the loss; yet nearly all of the returns speak of increased congregations in the sanctuary; the cause of Temperance has received more attention, and the spirit of benevolence has advanced somewhat in most of the churches. From these two Associations we may know the general condition of all.

It is our privilege, however, to speak of a few instances of special grace from on high. Revivals of much interest have been enjoyed in the towns of Barrington, in Piscataqua Association, and Hampstead, in Derry. Facts might be gathered from other Associations like the following from Sullivan: "One has united with the church in Acworth on profession of faith; two with the church in Lebanon; three with that in Cornish, and three with that in Meriden; four with the church in Enfield; four with that in Claremont, and ten with the church in Hanover. The church in Enfield reports an addition of fifteen by profession and letter, which more than doubles the number with which it commenced the year.

From Dartmouth College we have the following report:—"The religious condition of the College during the year has been encouraging. Of the 300 students, about one third are professors of religion, and in general very consistent and active christians. They sustain a number of prayer meetings during the week, for their own improvement and the spiritual good of their fellow students. Though there has been no revival in the College during the year, there have been some cases of conversion, and four of the students have united with the church in this place. The year has been distinguished for unusual sobriety, good order, and faithful study on the part of the young men of the College. We look for greater blessings, in answer to the prayer of the churches and the friends of the College."

The cause of Temperance, in some parts of the State, has not been prosperous, but has appeared to recede. A greater rallying of moral forces is needed to stem the tide of dissipation, and give the enterprise success.

Death has been busy among the ranks of the ministry during the past year. Rev. J. M. C. Bartley, of Hampstead, Rev. Stephen Merrill, of North Wolfborough, Rev. A. H. Cutter, of Nelson, and Rev. Daniel L. French, of Hudson, have been called from their spheres of earthly service to higher service and reward above. The aged fathers, also, Rev. Jonathan Ward and Rev. Enos George, after long service, have been taken to their rest in the skies.

The Association has been permitted to receive fraternal salutations and religious tidings from our brethren in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa, and from the Presbyterian church in the United States. A communication, also, has been received from the brethren in Kansas. We cordially reciprocate the kind Christian feeling thus manifested, and shall not fail to be interested in their welfare, and to implore the blessing of our common Lord to rest upon them.

On the whole, while, in the orderings and march of God's providence, it has not been harvest time with us, and we have not been privileged to welcome large numbers to our churches, we regard the past year as one of Christian faith and stability, and the development of Christian energy and enterprise in the Master's service.

The churches and the ministry are sound in the Christian faith, and they are alive with the energies of eternal love. As with the hills and valleys among which we are now assembled, the everlasting granite is underneath, the skies bend lovingly above, and the air breathes clearly around us. If we are faithful in the truth and the activities of the divine life, in due time the showers shall again descend, converts to righteousness shall be multiplied, the mountains and hills shall break forth into singing, and all the trees shall clap their hands.

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE, *for the Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1860.		*Cr.*	
Aug. 29.	By cash received of Rev. A. P. Tenney,.....	$44.19	
Aug. 30.	By donation of Reuben Roundy,.....	.50	
Sept. 1.	By balance of Hillsborough Co. Conf. Collection,	2.77	
Sept. 17.	By balance of tax due from Piscataqua Association,	2.00	
	By carried to account of next year,.....	17.75	
			$67.21
1860.		*Dr.*	
Sept. 8.	For distributing Minutes of 1859, wrapping, and postage,.....	4.33	
Sept. 8.	For express freight from Concord, Oct. 5,.....	.40	
Sept. 8.	Statistical Secretary's bill, postage, and stationery,	4.48	
Sept. 17.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing 400 copies of Minutes of 1859,.....	58.00	
			$67.21

By the entries of the late Treasurer, it appears that the assessed taxes for 1859 are still due from Hopkinton, Manchester, Orange, and Union Associations. If these arrears are fully paid, and the tax of fifty cents per member, assessed at Claremont, duly collected, the debts incurred for printing the Minutes of the current year will be paid by the District Associations. Should the assessments apportioned among the several Conferences also be paid at or before the next meeting, we shall be able thereafter to defray our current expenses as they fall due. It is highly important that the taxes of the Associations, and the assessments of the Conferences, should both be paid with promptness. The expenses of the Association will of necessity be increased under the new organization, and this provision is required to meet them. I subjoin a list of the Conferences which are expected to unite in the Association, and the sums apportioned to each by the Committee on Assessments.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Cheshire County Conference meets second Wednesday of June at . Rev. Ezra Adams, Gilsum, Clerk. Assessment,.....	$9.00	
Grafton County Conference meets at . ——, Clerk. Assessment,.....	7.00	
Hillsborough County Conference meets second Tuesday of June, at Peterborough. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk. Assessment,.....	20.00	
Lancaster Conference meets at . ——, Clerk. Assessment,.....	2.00	
Merrimack County Conference meets at . Rev. H. Merrill, Salisbury, Clerk. Assessment,.....	12.00	
Rockingham County Conference meets second Wednesday of June, at Exeter. Rev. Winthrop Fifield, South-Newmarket, Clerk. Assessment,.....	14.00	
Strafford (old) County Conference meets third Tuesday of June, at Rochester. Rev. R. M. Sargent, Farmington, Clerk. Assessment,.....	10.00	
Sullivan County Conference meets at . Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Claremont, Clerk. Assessment,	4.00	
		$78.00

At the request of Rev. J. G. Davis, Treasurer, I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and fully vouched.

WILLIAM CLARK.

AMHERST, September 27, 1860.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was held at the office of the Secretary, June 6, 1860.

Present,—Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. H. E. Parker, Rev. L. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, Rev. A. P. Tenney, and James Moulton, Jr.

The Treasurer made his Annual Report, which, on motion, it was voted to accept.

Voted, That Mrs. Farwell, now residing at Fitchburg, Mass., be received as a beneficiary of the Fund.

Elected Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., *President.*
JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*
FRANCIS N. FISK, *Treasurer.*

Voted, That the President, Secretary and Treasurer, constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Elected JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Auditor.*

Voted, To adjourn.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, June 6, 1860,

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars each, be appropriated and paid the following persons:

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns, and Mrs. Farwell, Fitchburg, Mass. Adjourned.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches in the following proportions: viz., one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrines contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the christian church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness.

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon, by a minister appointed by one of the district associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The secretary shall read the certificates of delegates and report the names of members; when

the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns with respect to the number in the churches shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations, which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, and addresses and statements on the same subject. After which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses, respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and followed by the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union, and such other societies as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. The Association shall give place for two hours, if necessary, to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock, the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The moderator may speak on points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: viz., Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have

the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as Delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of Delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes and other necessary expenses of this Association shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,*	1790	Vacant.			3	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Campton,	1774	J. B. Hadley	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	28	56	25	109	9	2	11	4	2	0	6	0	3	160
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	15	24	15	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65
Danbury,	Feb. 4, 1809	Vacant.			32	34	0	66	4	1	5	0	3	1	4	0	0	75
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	37	57	21	115	2	1	3	2	7	0	9	2	3	72
Groton, }	1803	Liba Conant	May 29, 1823	S. S.	12	17	0	29	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	90
Hebron, }	1779				12	30	3	45	2	5	7	2	1	0	3	1	0	110
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 1, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	40	95	40	175	0	0	0	7	4	1	12	0	1	170
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	18	36	10	64	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	70
Plymouth,	1765	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	June 25, 1845	30	70	34	134	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	160
Sanbornton,	1771	J. Boutwell	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	44	86	16	146	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	135
Sandwich	August, 1814	R. Parkinson	Oct. 18, 1848	S. S.	12	19	15	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	68
Thornton,		Vacant.			4	7	0	11	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 7. S. S., 2.			287	545	180	1002	19	11	30	18	24	2	44	3	10	1175

*Not embraced in the Summary.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ordained November 13, 1806; Enoch Corser, Boscawen; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained 1835.

WM. R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Vacant.			25	55	0	80	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	1	100
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	May, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	23	37	9	69	3	2	5	0	4	0	4	2	0	150
Candia,	1770	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841	Nov. 2, 1859	85	126	28	239	8	5	13	7	1	0	8	2	4	178
Chester,	Oct. 21, 1731	H. O. Howland,	Dec., 1846	Aug. 12, 1857	52	122	21	195	5	1	6	2	9	0	11	1	0	182
Deerfield,	1766	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 28, 1850	July 10, 1855	46	74	18	138	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Derry, 1st Ch.,	1749 and 1809	Vacant.			57	99	49	205	0	1	1	8	0	0	8	0	0	100
Derry Village,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	24	84	23	131	4	4	8	3	1	0	4	3	1	100
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,		1859	17	55	8	80	4	2	16	4	2	0	6	10	0	150
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851	S. S., 1858	18	51	14	83	14	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Burrows,	June 1, 1836	S. S., 1859	23	62	3	88	0	5	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	90
Raymond,	July 4, 1791	Geo. W. Sargent,	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	60	82	18	160	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	140
Salem,	Jan., 1739	John Lawrence,		1848	S. S., 1860	17	46	5	68	7	3	12	0	3	0	3	5	1	125
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	48	81	11	140	1	0	1	7	2	0	9	1	2	200
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 8.	S. S., 3.	495	974	207	1676	46	30	76	31	26	0	57	24	8	1715

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. Isaac Jones, ordained February 7, 1816.

LICENTIATE. Henry L. Boltwood, Derry.

H. O. HOWLAND, Chester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	E. D. Eldridge,	June 12, 1849	S. S.	6	24	3	33	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	96
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 27, 1841	S. S. Feb. 1, '56	20	63	19	102	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	3	125
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			6	23	7	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S. 1848	21	53	3	77	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	100
Moultonboro' 1st Ch	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			13	27	8	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moultonboro' 2d Ch	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.			5	6	0	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, 1848	22	35	13	70	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	0	0	70
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddell,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	41	73	37	151	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	160
Tuftonboro',	1839	Vacant.			2	7	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfboro',	June 17, 1834	John Wood,	1840	S. S. Jan., 1859	19	41	2	62	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	75
Wakefield,	1785	Vacant.			8	21	15	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	50
Wolfboro', North,	June 19, 1839	Vacant.			16	28	19	63	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 1.	S. S., 5.	179	400	127	706	2	3	5	13	3	2	18	1	8	708

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ordained June 13, 1827; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained November 1, 1826; Joshua Dodge, Moultonborough, ordained December 21, 1808; Thomas L. Ambrose, Missionary, Persia.

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe.* NATHANIEL BARKER, Wakefield, *Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	68	141	23	232	4	3	7	2	6	0	8	3	4	183
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	26	37	1	64	3	1	4	2	1	0	3	2	0	110
Hollis,	Before 1743	Pliny B. Day,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	91	148	14	253	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	6	250
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	37	58	26	121	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	1	2	160
Mason, 2d Ch.,	June 3, 1847	George E. Fisher,	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	22	58	48	128	2	4	6	1	1	0	2	2	1	90
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			6	12	21	39	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	1	0	0
Milford,	1788	S. C. Kendall,	Mar. 29, 1854	April 7, 1858	70	169	56	295	2	0	2	5	9	0	14	0	0	350
Nashua, 1st	1685	Charles J. Hill,	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	76	265	116	457	3	8	11	5	18	0	23	2	4	564
" Olive St.,	1834	A. Richards, D. D.,	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	86	182	180	448	3	5	8	3	6	0	9	2	1	240
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Vacant.			57	158	54	269	5	5	10	0	13	0	13	2	1	397
New-Ipswich, 1st,	Oct. 22, 1760	Samuel Lee,	Nov. 4, 1830	May 5, 1836	64	120	25	209	1	2	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	116
" " 2d,	Oct. 9, 1851	Vacant.			27	52	13	92	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	91
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	Charles E. Lord,	May 8, 1844	Feb. 11, 1857	40	81	20	141	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	135
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	79	126	7	212	0	1	1	2	6	0	8	0	3	300
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1761	George Goodyear,	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	27	63	18	108	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	1	0	140
Wilton, 2d Ch.,	May 16, 1823	Vacant.			26	63	27	116	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	150
Total, 16.		Vacant Churches, 4.		Pastors, 12.	802	1733	649	3184	31	36	67	36	71	0	107	15	24	3276

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained October 13, 1802; E. M. Kellogg, Nashua, ordained October 26, 1842; E. H. Greeley, Nashua, ordained November 7, 1845, and Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained January 13, 1819; Wm. Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained October 17, 1832.

LICENTIATES. Augustus Berry, Henniker; Sylvanus Hayward, New-Ipswich; S. M. Freeland, Nashua.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe*. CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe*.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	....	.....	5	10	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boscawen, East,	Oct. 8, 1740	A. Smith,	July 9, 1850	June 15, 1853	48	85	25	158	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	2	125
Boscawen, West,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton,	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	54	81	29	164	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	5	200
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	24	10	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Wm. S. Spaulding,	Sept. 18, 1848	S. S. Mar. 1859	22	49	11	82	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	100
Canterbury,	Unknown.	H. Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	Nov. 22, 1843	27	51	32	110	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	100
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 23, 1825	Mar. 23, 1825	53	147	38	238	2	13	15	5	5	0	10	2	1	180
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson,	Mar. 1, 1860	Mar. 1, 1860	30	58	20	108	0	8	8	0	4	0	4	0	6	80
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849	May 14, 1851	90	183	47	320	7	10	17	2	4	0	6	3	4	300
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	Asa P. Tenney,	June, 1828	April 23, 1833	54	108	36	198	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	150
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	A. Wm. Fiske,	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	24	60	7	91	0	14	14	1	3	0	4	0	3	142
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	William T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	26	66	41	133	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	36	87	50	173	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	2	4	200
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	18	2	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	Vacant.	.....	.....	73	100	25	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Northfield & S. Br.	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	39	76	39	154	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	160
Pembroke,	Mar. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich,	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	32	75	30	137	0	1	1	3	6	0	9	0	4	220
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1773	Horatio Merrill,	May 7, 1845	May 19, 1858	24	53	2	79	3	0	3	3	0	4	7	2	0	119
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Daniel Warren,	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	25	59	10	94	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	135
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	J. L. Ames.	June 25, 1846	Nov. 10, 1859	19	33	4	56	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	1	1	76
Total, 20.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 15. S. S., 1.			704	1323	459	2586	22	61	83	29	41	5	75	13	33	2697

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained September 26, 1804; Wm. Patrick, Boscawen, ordained October 26, 1803; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831.

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, West Boscawen; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord.

LEWIS GOODRICH, Pembroke, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'b Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	Oct. 15, 1802	Tho's H. Johnson,	Oct., 1852	S.S.Sept., 1858	10	19	6	35	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Colebrook,	Dec. 4, 1802	Henry M. Bridge	1849	Aug. 6, 1860	14	20	18	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	82
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Vacant.			5	13	6	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Franconia,	April, 1814	Tho's H. Johnson,	Oct., 1852	S.S.Sept., 1852	5	13	3	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	37	86	8	131	1	6	7	1	4	0	5	1	0	148
Littleton,	1803	Charles E. Milliken,	Pastor Elect.		27	73	16	116	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	180
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Joseph B. Hill,	Aug., 1830	S. S. 1857	13	17	7	37	0	3	3	5	1	0	6	0	0	70
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 2. S. S., 2.			111	241	64	416	1	11	12	10	7	0	17	1	1	720

* In this table I have arranged all the churches of Coös county. They are not all connected with Lancaster Association. Some are ministerially associated with churches in Vermont, and one with churches in Maine. J. G. D.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Josiah Morse, Northumberland, ordained February, 1833; preaches at Guildhall, Vt.

T. H. JOHNSON, Bethlehem, and PRESCOTT FAY, Lancaster, *Acting Statistical Scribes.*

7. MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bedford,	1750	Thomas Savage,	1822	July 5, 1826	49	95	7	151	0	0	0	4	11	0	15	0	15	175
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	John M. Putnam,	Dec. 13, 1820	July 8, 1830	41	64	21	126	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	6	180
Goffstown,	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan., 1858	S. S. 1857	33	81	14	128	0	4	4	7	0	0	7	0	0	205
Hooksett,	1828	Marvin Lellingwell,	July, 1844	S.S. July, 1860	4	13	18	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40
Hudson,	1841	Vacant.			11	38	6	55	0	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	50
Litchfield, Pres.	Reorg'd 1844	E Newhall,	Jan., 1824	Sept., 1854	4	15	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	56	104	30	190	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	4	238
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	85	229	80	394	6	8	14	2	12	0	14	5	5	445
Franklin Street Ch.	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn,	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	38	130	77	242	8	6	14	1	6	0	7	2	1	212
Presbyterian Ch.	1859	Geo. A. Bowman,	Aug. 9, 1848	S. S. 1859	4	13	4	21	7	16	23	2	0	0	2	6	2	60
Christian Miss. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.			5	15	25	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100
Merrimack,	1771	Rev. E. J. Hart,	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	58	105	22	185	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	1	180
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 7. S. S., 3.			385	902	304	1591	23	39	62	21	35	2	58	14	35	1935

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent N. H. Bible Society.

CYRUS W. WALLACE, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

8. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.....	1777	Daniel Sawyer,....	May 13, 1846	S. S. 1860	8	23	26	57	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	83
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams,....	July 16, 1828	S. S. 1860	5	11	7	23	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Alstead, New,.....	1788	Bezaleel Smith,....	May 13, 1829	June 16. 1852	26	46	21	93	1	1	2	2	6	2	10	0	1	140
Chesterfield,.....	1771	Jeffries Hall,.....	June 5, 1833	S. S. 1858	6	26	4	36	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	70
Dublin,.....	1827	N. W. Sheldon,.....	.....	S. S. 1860	5	28	12	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
Fitzwilliam,.....	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,..	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	44	86	14	144	3	1	4	2	5	0	7	2	2	200
Gilsum,.....	1772	Ezra Adams,.....	April 28, 1840	Mar. 19, 1851	15	23	1	39	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	90
Harrisville,.....	1840	Wm. G. Tuttle, *...	April 16, 1851	April 16, 1851	10	16	22	48	0	2	2	0	5	2	7	0	0	110
Hinsdale,.....	1821	Moses H. Wells,....	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	31	66	8	105	3	0	3	4	4	0	8	2	3	120
Jaffrey,.....	1780	John S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	25	59	30	114	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	1	3	150
Jaffrey, East,.....	1850	F. D. Austin,.....	June 23, 1853	S. S. 1857	22	52	4	78	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	110
Keene,.....	1738	Z. S. Barstow, D.D. / J. A. Hamilton,..	July 1, 1818 / Not ord'd.	July 1, 1818 / Colleague.	62	225	9	296	4	5	9	3	4	0	7	2	2	293
Marlborough,.....	1778	Giles Lyman,.....	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	20	50	29	99	1	0	1	3	9	0	12	1	3	115
Nelson,.....	1781	A. H. Cutter, †....	June 21, 1841	S. S. 1856	23	42	27	92	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	1	190
Roxbury,.....	1816	Tho's W. Duncan,..	June 13, 1821	S. S. 1858	5	9	3	17	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	45
Stoddard,.....	1787	Samuel L. Gerould,	Not ordained	S. S. 1860	1	23	6	30	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	0	4	40
Sullivan,.....	1792	George W. Stinson,	April 19, 1856	S. S. 1859	27	49	13	89	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	0	5	120
Surry,.....	1769	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 19, 1846	S. S. 1860	3	8	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Swanzey,.....	1741	John G. Wilson,...	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	19	44	5	68	2	10	12	1	5	0	6	1	5	135
Troy,.....	1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	31	18	65	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	120
Walpole,.....	1761	John M. Stow,.....	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	18	69	7	94	0	1	1	7	0	0	7	0	1	117
Westmoreland,.....	1764	K. B. Glidden,.....	June 19, 1860	S. S. 1860	20	47	13	80	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	90
" Evan.	1853	Oscar Bissell,.....	May 14, 1856	May 14, 1856	6	12	5	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	30
Winchester,.....	1736	John P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb 3, 1847	49	90	33	172	0	5	5	3	4	0	7	0	2	180
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 10. S. S., 12.			466	1135	320	1921	24	37	61	37	60	5	102	11	34	2688

*Dismissed in August. † Died in July.

WITHOUT CHARGE. John Woods, Fitzwilliam, ordained June 22, 1814; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained August 7, 1831; Luther Townsend, Troy, ordained March 5, 1845; H. G. Park, Walpole, ordained December 16, 1829.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

9. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1791	William Page,	Dec. 4, 1840	S.S. June, 1859	25	78	32	135	4	4	8	1	9	0	10	2	6	233
Canaan,	1799	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	S.S. Aug., 1853	6	19	6	31	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	1	1	65
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Daniel Pulsifer,		S. S. 1860	7	14	1	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	65
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	37	102	37	176	7	5	12	8	6	0	14	4	0	175
Hanover-Center,	May 16, 1810	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1857	23	42	30	95	0	5	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	70
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	120	210	36	366	3	4	7	5	4	0	9	2	1	281
Orford,	April 30, 1822	Vacant.			15	43	20	78	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant.		S. S. 1858	22	56	18	86	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	55
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1860	46	67	21	134	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	75
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Silas M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853	Mar. 2, 1853	8	23	22	53	0	5	5	1	2	0	3	0	3	200
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 3. S. S., 6.			309	654	223	1186	16	23	39	25	34	0	59	9	13	1369

WITHOUT CHARGE. Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Hanover, ordained 1809; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; Enos Merrill, Orford, ordained November 6, 1816—S. S., Fairlee, Vt.; Winsor A. Smith, Orford, ordained December 12, 1839.

LICENTIATES. L. B. Whittemore, Orfordville; Wm. S. Palmer, John Eaton, Andover; S. Gerould, Canaan.

W. A. SMITH, Orford, *Statistical Scribe.*

10. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1859.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 18, 1775	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S. Sept. 1, '59	13	21	10	44	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	150
Brentwood,	Reorg'd 1756	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	19	50	8	77	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	175
Dover, 1st Ch.	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	54	169	115	338	3	0	3	5	6	0	11	1	4	229
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847	Sept. 3, 1856	10	47	14	71	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	130
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	11	54	10	75	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	0	0	85
Exeter, 1st Ch.	1638; R. 1698	Vacant.			51	93	4	148	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	92
Exeter, 2d Ch.	Jan., 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	34	107	2	143	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	75
Epping,	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S. June, 1857	14	22	2	38	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	105
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	Mar. 27, 1860	9	31	4	44	2	7	9	1	3	0	4	2	0	109
Great-Falls, 1st Ch.	Jan. 16, 1827	G. N. Anthony,	Oct. 3, 1855	Oct. 3, 1855	42	102	26	170	6	0	6	3	2	1	6	3	3	350
Great-Falls, 2d Ch.,	1857	Vacant.			15	37	8	60	2	2	4	1	5	0	6	1	2	75
Greenland,	July 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	11	47	4	62	12	1	13	0	1	0	1	7	0	67
Hampton,	1638	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	61	124	23	208	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	5	140
H.Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.			11	14	5	30	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	0
Kensington,	R'd Oct. 9, 1859	Geo. W. Campbell,		S. S. 1859	2	17	0	19	10	8	18	0	0	0	0	6	0	60
Kingston,	Sept. 17, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	11	37	11	59	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	0	100
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S. 1846	9	27	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	178
Newmarket,	Mar. 7, 1828	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 26, 1845	S. S. 1858	15	23	10	48	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John Dinsmore,	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1852	55	100	24	179	0	1	1	4	0	2	6	0	4	200
Portsmouth,	1671	Vacant.			66	203	46	315	0	1	1	3	9	1	13	0	0	196
Rochester,	1737	J. M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	20	96	3	119	6	9	15	1	1	0	2	4	3	80
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1844	29	74	9	112	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	75
Salmon-Falls,	May 1, 1846	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	Aug. 11, 1858	10	35	43	88	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	75
South-Newmarket,	1730	Winthrop Fifield,	May 10, 1837	S. S. 1852	11	21	7	39	3	4	7	1	0	0	1	3	3	58
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles,	June 29, 1860	June 29, 1860	15	38	13	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	29
Total, 25.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 15. S. S., 6.			598	1589	401	2588	52	42	94	43	48	6	97	35	28	*2993

*In addition to the 2,993 scholars reported above, there are 170 belonging to Mission Sabbath Schools, making a total of 3,163 scholars.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained May 24, 1834; R. M. Sawyer, Great-Falls, ordained October 15, 1852; Rev. John LeBosquet preaches at Newington.

LICENTIATE. Mr. Mason Moore preaches at Lee.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

11. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. Aug. 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1778	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	60	89	21	170	1	4	5	6	3	0	9	0	2	175
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	Joseph Garland,	June 21, 1848	S. S.	8	39	20	58	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	115
Claremont,	Uncertain.	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	58	137	45	240	4	7	11	5	5	1	11	2	2	150
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	21	36	19	76	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	75
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.	.....	.....	5	12	12	29	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	0
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	45	75	115	235	10	8	18	0	4	0	4	6	0	160
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Wm. F. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854	.....	9	15	0	24	4	11	15	1	0	0	1	1	4	30
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1831	S.S. Mar. 1850	16	29	9	54	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.	8	23	10	41	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	65
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Dowus,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	44	103	5	152	2	5	7	2	5	0	7	1	3	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Robert W. Fuller,	June 16, 1841	S.S. July, 1856	32	53	9	94	0	4	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	95
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837				8	14	6	28	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	50
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	27	40	39	106	3	4	7	2	0	0	2	0	2	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	68	121	55	244	0	1	1	6	0	1	7	0	1	193
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Jacob Scales,	Dec. 27, 1820	S. S. Oct., 1842	4	17	8	29	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Washington,	May 18, 1780 / May 9, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S.S. July, 1844	4	20	8	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	June 26, 1851	35	62	5	102	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	120
Total, 17.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 7. S. S., 7.			452	876	386	1714	30	46	76	29	29	2	60	12	16	1593

Without Charge. David Kimball, Hanover, ordained June 22, 1822; Charles B. Haddock, D. D., West Lebanon, ordained November 3, 1824; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Hanover, ordained October 6, 1852; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden, ordained May 29, 1845.

Licentiate. Cyrus S. Richards, Meriden.

Henry Cummings, Newport, *Scribe*. Rufus Case, West Lebanon, *Statistical Scribe*.

12. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	W. O. Carr,	Licentiate.	Sept. 1, 1859	53	76	63	192	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	150
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gray,	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S. Aug. 1,'57	27	44	33	104	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	107
Epsom,	1761	Vacant.			26	51	9	86	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	101
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			7	13	7	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40
" Iron W'ks	Oct. 12, 1830	Jairus Ordway,	April 26, 1848	S.S ,Mar. 1,'56	31	48	28	107	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	98
Loudon, 1st Ch.,	1789	Vacant.			18	37	10	65	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	60
Loudon, 2d Ch.,	Aug. 14, 1828	Vacant.			10	19	9	38	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay	Dec. 29, 1857	Dec. 29, 1858	45	85	19	149	4	6	10	0	1	0	1	1	9	150
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S., 1858	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	Dec. 12, 1854	47	112	40	199	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	154
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 2.	S. S., 3.	266	488	218	972	6	12	18	5	8	0	13	2	14	985

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, Barnstead, ordained November 1, 1888; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; E. H. Caswell, Hooksett, ordained June 28, 1848; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817.

LICENTIATE. Augustus L. Marden, Chichester.

J. A. HOOD, Pittsfield, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

13. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	J. H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	Mar. 16, 1853	46	87	24	157	0	2	2	13	1	0	14	0	2	162
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S. Mar. 1859	14	38	3	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	85
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	30	6	45	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	65
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	87	164	46	297	5	9	14	3	1	0	4	3	3	396
Greenfield, 1st Ch.	Sept. 7, 1792	Lyman B. Marshall,	Oct., 1856	S. S. 1860	30	46	25	101	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	1	1	95
Greenfield, Ev. Ch.	Jan. 8, 1834	D. Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S. S. 1860	28	43	42	113	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	100
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	52	84	19	155	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	3	215
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	17	33	7	54	0	0	0	1	7	0	8	0	0	0
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839	H. Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S.	18	53	2	73	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	3	3	169
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	45	63	18	126	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	0	3	178
New-Boston, Pres.	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	57	117	21	195	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	5	220
Peterboro', Un'n Ev	April 21, 1858	Geo. Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	28	53	2	83	2	9	11	2	3	0	5	1	2	165
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 6.	S. S., 4.	428	811	215	1454	30	24	54	39	19	0	58	13	22	1850

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel McClenning, Peterborough.

LICENTIATE. M. N. Root, Francestown.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe.* E. B. CLAGGETT, Lyndeborough, *Statistical Scribe.*

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch'h Mem. July 1, 1860.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Abs.	Tot.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	3	13	7	2	3	12	0	284	531	179	994	19	11	30	18	24	2	44	3	10	1175
2. Derry,	2	13	8	3	1	12	1	447	903	196	1546	46	30	76	31	26	0	57	24	8	1515
3. Harmony,	6	12	1	5	3	10	0	179	400	127	706	2	3	5	13	3	2	18	1	8	708
4. Hollis,	4	16	12	0	5	17	3	802	1733	649	3184	31	36	67	36	71	0	107	15	24	3276
5. Hopkinton,	4	20	15	1	3	19	2	704	1323	459	2586	22	61	83	29	41	5	75	13	33	2597
6. Lancaster,	1	8	3	2	1	6	0	111	241	64	416	1	11	12	10	7	0	17	1	1	720
7. Manchester,	2	12	7	3	1	11	0	385	902	304	1591	23	39	62	21	35	2	58	14	35	1935
8. Monadnock,	3	24	10	12	4	26	0	466	1135	320	1921	24	37	61	37	60	5	102	11	34	2688
9. Orange,	1	10	3	4	3	10	5	309	654	223	1186	16	23	39	25	34	0	59	9	13	1369
10. Piscataqua,	4	25	15	6	3	24	1	598	1589	401	2588	52	42	94	43	48	6	97	35	28	3163
11. Sullivan,	2	17	7	7	5	19	1	452	876	386	1714	30	46	76	29	29	2	60	12	16	1593
12. Suncook,	5	10	2	3	4	10	1	266	488	218	972	6	12	18	5	8	0	13	2	14	985
13. Union,	2	12	6	4	1	11	1	428	811	215	1454	30	24	54	39	19	0	58	13	22	1850
Total, 13.	39	192	96	52	37	187	15	5431	11586	3741	20758	302	375	677	336	405	24	765	153	246	23574

EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS.

The returns which are printed in the preceding tables embrace a period of eleven months, and consequently represent the membership of our churches on the 30th of June. Hereafter, the statistical year will commence with the first day of July. Changes in the ministry, if known, are introduced until the time of going to press. In the printed tables, 0 means none, and blanks indicate ignorance or neglect.

ASSOCIATIONS. In the present arrangement of the tables, the churches formerly printed under the name of Caledonia Association are now placed with the churches of Lancaster. This union, which may be justified on several grounds, reduces the number of Associations to 13, and explains the changes in their numerical standing.

CHURCHES. Three churches are added to the list published last year—two of them new churches: the Presbyterian church in Manchester, organized in 1859, having 21 members, and the Congregational church, Kensington, organized October 9, 1859, with 19 members. The church in Shelburne, now inserted in the table of the Lancaster Association, has hitherto been reported with the churches of Maine. Of the 192 churches connected with the General Association, 7 are Presbyterian; 185 Congregational; 96 have settled pastors; 53 employ stated supplies; 5 are supplied by licentiates, and 39 are vacant.

MEMBERS. The returns of membership are more accurate this year than ever before; the figures in most cases representing only living persons. Additions by profession 302, by letter 375; total, 677. Removals by death 336, by dismission 405, by exclusion 24; total, 765—a decrease of 88 members. The deaths exceed the additions by profession by 34. The number dismissed exceeds the number received from other churches by 30. The loss of 8 per cent on the numbers received, corresponds very nearly with the ratio of our losses from this source in previous years. In the tables of last year, absentees were in some instances counted twice; errors from this source have seldom occurred in the present tables. Hence, with a decrease of 88 members, we report, on comparison with last year's membership (21,120), a net loss of 362—the present membership being 20,758. In the diligent use of all the appliances at command, I have not been able to obtain returns from the churches in Hopkinton, Bridgewater and Shelburne, in time to give particulars in the summary. Last year, they

reported 210 members, of which Hopkinton had 198. I have allowed this number to be embraced in the summary as an approximation to the membership of the three. Should the returns arrive in season, they will be inserted in the tables, but the footings will be unchanged. Whenever the churches shall comply promptly with the request of our printed schedule, by making their returns in July, the minutes will be printed early in September.

DEATHS. The following ministers, whose names are on the catalogue of last year, have been removed by death: viz., ENOS GEORGE, of Barnstead, October 20, 1859; he was born at South-Hampton, June 2, 1781, ordained September 26, 1804, and continued in the same pastorate over 55 years; JONATHAN WARD, February 24, 1860; born at Plymouth, August 24, 1769, settled at Alma, Me., Plymouth, and Brentwood; JOHN W. SHEPHERD, at Nashua, May 25, 1860, aged 72; JOHN M. C. BARTLEY, at Kittery, Me., June 2, 1860, aged 61; STEPHEN MERRILL, of North Wolfborough, June 23, 1860, aged 69; NOAH EMERSON, at Shinnecock Reservation, July 8, 1860, aged 71; ADONIJAH H. CUTTER, of Nelson, July 19, 1860, aged 53, ordained June 21, 1841; DANIEL L. FRENCH, of Hudson, July 20, 1860, aged 63, ordained 1840.

DISMISSIONS. The pastoral relation has been dissolved by the dismission of the following ministers: March 1, 1860, Rev. Daniel Goodhue, from the Congregational Church in Danbury; March 28, 1860, Rev. Marshall B. Angier, from the Congregational Church in Hopkinton; May 18, 1860, Rev. Edward H. Greeley, from the Pearl Street Church in Nashua; May 23, 1860, Rev. Luther Townsend, from the Congregational Church in Troy; August 15, 1860, Rev. John H. Merrill, from the Congregational Church in Tamworth; August 22, 1860, Rev. William G. Tuttle, from the Congregational Church in Harrisville.

INSTALLATIONS. The pastoral relation has been established by the installation of the following ministers: viz., October 2, 1859, Rev. E. N. Hidden, over the Church in Candia; October 19, 1859, Mr. George Dustan, over the Union Evangelical Church in Peterborough; November 10, 1859, Rev. J. L. Arms, over the Church in Wilmot; December 21, 1859, Mr. Geo. W. Sargent, over the Church in Raymond; March 1, 1860, Mr. E. O. Jameson, over the Church in East Concord; March 27, 1860, Rev. Roger M. Sargent, over the Church in Farmington; April 18, 1860, Rev. Daniel Goodwin, over the Church in Mason; June 13, 1860, Rev. Joseph Blake, over the Church in Gilmanton Center; June 28, 1860, Mr. Edward C. Miles, over the Church in Stratham; August 6, 1860, Rev. Henry M. Bridge, over the Church in Colebrook; August 15, 1860, Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, over the Church in Tamworth.

ORDINATIONS. The following persons have been ordained as Evangelists: October 18, 1859, Mr. Charles T. Melvin, at Chester; October 19,

1859, Mr. Edward P. Tenney, at West Concord; November 15, 1859, Mr. Jacob Hood, at Nottingham; April 21, 1860, Mr. Lysander T. Burbank, at Fitzwilliam; April 25, 1860, Mr. Andrew Jaquith, at Langdon.

The Catalogue contains the names of all Congregational and Presbyterian ministers residing in the State, or connected with the Association, whose P. O. address I have been able to obtain. All embarrassment in preparing this list would be avoided, if ministers who change their residences would communicate the facts to the statistical secretary without delay. It should also be remembered that the name of the town or of the church with which they become connected is not always the same with that of the post-office.

LICENTIATES. The whole number of Licentiates reported is 15. Of this number 5 are employed as stated supplies. In a few instances, the names of licentiates are by courtesy introduced into the tables, on the supposition that they are preaching as candidates for the pastoral office. When this is not the case, and the arrangement is likely to continue, I assume that this objectionable relation would not be approved by the Association.

CONFERENCES. In the next issue of the Minutes of this Association, I hope to furnish a table of all the Conferences, with the names of the permanent officers, the place and time of meeting, with the number of churches belonging to each. It is also desirable to embody such facts concerning their efforts for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom as are of historical importance. Any suggestions or corrections, which will make our annual record more accurate and complete, will be gladly received by the Statistical Secretary.

J. G. DAVIS.

AMHERST, October 8, 1860.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 8.
Adams John, Hanover Center. 9.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 10.
Anthony George N., Marlboro', Mass. 10.
Arms Josiah L., Wilmot. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 8.
Baldwin William F., Enfield. 11.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 3.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 8.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 8.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 13.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 13.
Bissell Oscar, Westmoreland. 8.
Blake Jeremiah, Barnstead. 12.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 11.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 9.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 7.
Bradford Dana B., Salmon Falls. 10.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 13.
Bridge Henry M., Colebrook. 6.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Buxton Edward, Webster. 5.
Case Rufus, West Lebanon. 11.
Caswell Enoch H., Bristol. 12.
Chapman Elias, Great Falls. 10.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 13.
Claggett William, Bennington. 13.
Clark John, Plymouth. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 13.
Colby John, Hampton. 10.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 2.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 12.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 11.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 10.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 13.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Dinsmore John, North-Hampton. 10.
Dodge Joshua, Moultonborough. 3.
Doldt James, Milton. 3.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 11.
Duncan Thomas W., Roxbury. 8.
Dustan George, Peterborough. 13.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 9.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fifield Winthrop, South-Newmarket. 10.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 4.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 11.
Fuller Robert, Stowe, Mass. 11.
Gage William L., Portsmouth. 10.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 12.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 9.
Glidden K. B., Westmoreland. 8.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 13.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Greeley Edward H., Nashua. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 11.
Haddock Chas. B., D. D., W. Lebanon. 11.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 8.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 7.
Herrick William T., Pelham.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.

Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 6.
Hills James, Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob A., Pittsfield. 12.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 7.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 8.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 8.
Jewett John E. B., Jaffrey.
Jewett Leonard, Hollis.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Johnson T. H., Bethlehem. 6.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 2.
Jordan Ebenezer S., Cumberland, Me. 4.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 5.
Kendall Sylvanus C., Webster, Mass. 4.
Kellogg Erastus M., Nashua. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 11.
Kimball Reuben, Conway. 3.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 10.
Lawrence John, Salem. 2.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 11.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 10.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 7.
Lord Charles E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 9.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 8.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 13.
McClenning Daniel, Peterborough. 13.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 10.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 10.
Merrill Enos, Orford. 9.
Merrill Horatio, Salisbury. 5.
Merrill John H., Bethel, Me. 2.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Morse Josiah, Northumberland. 6.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 7.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 11.
Ordway Jairus, Gilmanton I. Works. 12.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 10.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page William, Bath. 9.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 10.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parkinson Royal, Sandwich. 1.
Parsons Benjamin F., Dover. 10.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 5.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John M., Dunbarton. 7.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 11.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 12.
Ray John W., Goffstown. 7.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 10.
Richardson Henry, Goshen. 11.
Riddell Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 10.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 11.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 10.
Sargent George W., Raymond.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 7.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 8.
Sawyer R. M., Great Falls. 10.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 11.
Sheldon Nathaniel W., Dublin. 8.
Shurtleff Roswell, D. D., Hanover. 9.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 5.
Smith Bezaleel, New Alstead. 8.
Smith Windsor A., Orford. 9.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 11.
Spaulding William S., Bristol. 5.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 10.
Stinson George W., Sullivan. 8.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stow John M., Walpole. 8.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenny Erdix, Lyme. 9.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 2.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 10.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 10.
Townsend Luther, Loudon Center. 8.
Tuttle William G., Littleton, Mass. 8.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 7.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 5.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 8.
Wells Theodore, Sanford, Me. 10.
White Broughton, Acworth.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 10.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 7.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 8.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Woods John, Fitzwilliam. 8.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT PORTSMOUTH, AUGUST, 1861.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
STEAM PRESS OF McFARLAND & JENKS.
1861.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Congr. churches,
OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,-

HELD AT PORTSMOUTH, AUGUST, 1861.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
STEAM PRESS OF McFARLAND & JENKS.
1861.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled in the North Congregational Church in Portsmouth, on Tuesday, August 27, 1861, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Joseph B. Hill, of Stewartstown, from Isaiah 21 : 11.

After sermon the preacher took the chair. The credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members :

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Almon Benson.
Derry—Uzal W. Condit, E. J. Hart.
Manchester—
Harmony—Samuel H. Riddel.
Hollis—T. P. Sawin.
Hopkinton—Ambrose Smith, Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.
Lancaster—Joseph B. Hill.
Monadnock—Moses H. Wells, Zedekiah S. Barstow, D. D., John P. Humphrey.
Orange—John D. Emerson.
Piscataqua—J. H. Stearns, John H. Mellish, O. T. Lanphear.
Sullivan—Rufus Case.
Suncook—Joshua S. Gay, Henry C. Fay.
Union—Charles Cutler, E. C. Cogswell.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. S. W. Buffum, Dea. C. P. Lock.
Coös—
Hillsborough—Dea. Nahum Baldwin.
Merrimack—Benjamin Emerson, Esq.
Rockingham—Dea. Thomas J. Melvin, Dea. Benjamin Coe, Bro. Rufus Leavitt, Bro. Dudley F. Tucker.

Strafford—Hon. George M. Herring, Bro. Levi Smith, Bro. J. P. Kimball.

Sullivan—Dea. G. Griffin, Bro. S. Burbank.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

Maine—Rev. Charles Tenney.

Massachusetts—Rev. J. T. Tucker.

Connecticut—Rev. Martin Dudley.

Rhode-Island—Rev. Lyman Whiting.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, N. S.—Rev. Horace Eaton.

Ohio—Rev. E. W. Root.

California—Rev. W. H. Patten.

Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting of New-Hampshire—Rev. Joseph Fullonton, D. D.

New-Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. J. H. McCarty.

EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. John K. Young, D. D., Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Rev. William L. Gage.

The Association was organized by the election of Hon. Thomas J. Melvin, Moderator; Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Scribe, and Rev. Henry C. Fay, Assistant Scribe.

The Moderator opened the sessions of the Association with prayer.

Voted, That the Moderator appoint a committee to nominate the committees to be appointed during the sessions.

Rev. J. S. Gay, Rev. U. W. Condit and Hon. George M. Herring were appointed.

Rev. T. P. Sawin, Rev. J. P. Humphrey and Dea. Daniel Knight were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. J. H. Stearns, Rev. M. H. Wells and Bro. D. F. Tucker were appointed a Committee of Nominations.

Adjourned till ½ of 2 o'clock P. M.

1½ *P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Voted, That the subject of the disposition of the Whitefield Monument Fund be referred to a special committee.

The Committee on Nominations reported the names of Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. J. G. Davis and Hon. G. M. Herring, to whom this subject was committed.

After prayer by Dr. Bouton,

Voted, That all ministers and laymen present, not connected with this Association as now organized, be invited to participate in the discussions of this afternoon.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence read a report on the state of religion, prepared by a committee from the reports of the County Conferences.

Delegates from the District Associations, in order, made statements concerning the state of religion within their respective bounds. These statements were interspersed with singing and prayer.

The Delegates from the General Conference of Maine, the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., and the General Conference of California, respectively presented the Christian salutations of these bodies.

Voted, That Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. J. W. Ray, Dea. Nahum Baldwin, Rev. R. F. Lawrence and Hon. G. M. Herring constitute a committee to draft resolutions on the state of the country.

The following question was proposed for discussion at the public meeting this evening:

How can the present exigency of our country be turned to the highest spiritual good of our churches?

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION VII OF THE RULES.

Rev. C. W. Wallace and Rev. J. W. Ray to be Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.

Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., and Dea. Asa Duren to be Committee of Inquiry.

Dr. Bouton submitted the annual report on the Widows' Fund, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

A letter was read by the Secretary of the Association from the General Association of Minnesota.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

A public meeting was held in the evening, when the question previously designated was discussed. Rev. Mr. Lawrence presided, and opened the service with prayer and reading the 3d chapter of Malachi. Rev. Messrs. R. F. Lawrence, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., C. W. Wallace, W. T. Savage, O. T. Lanphear, H. Eaton, J. T. McCollum and J. G. Davis spoke upon the question, and Rev. Messrs. J. W. Ray and H. C. Fay led in prayer.

Wednesday Morning. Met according to adjournment at 8½ o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. William R. Jewett; whereupon,

Voted, That the Pastoral Letter now read be adopted and printed with the Minutes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

The following amendments having been proposed, it was

Voted, That section 2 be amended by substituting "seven" for "thirteen" in the last sentence; that article 1, of section 5, be amended by adding the words, "He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body." Also, that article 2, of section 7, be amended by inserting after the word "to," in the second line, the words, "designate an auditor and."

WHITEFIELD FUND.

The Committee on the Whitefield Memorial Fund submitted the following report, which was adopted without dissent:

THE WHITEFIELD MONUMENT. The Committee on the Whitefield Monument made a report by their chairman, Dr. Bouton, which was adopted, and is as follows:

It will be recollected that, at the meeting of the General Association in Exeter, August, 1856, a resolution was adopted

recommending that a subscription be taken up by this Association, which, with subscriptions raised by the people of Exeter, might produce a sum sufficient to erect a monument to the memory of the Rev. George Whitefield, who preached his last sermon in the town of Exeter, September 29, 1770. For carrying the resolution into effect, a committee was appointed consisting of the Rev. Lyman Whiting, Rev. N. Bouton and Asa Mann, on the part of the Association, and of Hon. Amos Tuck, Joseph G. Hoyt, William Perry and William Odlin, in behalf of the citizens of Exeter.

The expense of the monument, as first contemplated, was to be between two and three hundred dollars, but subsequently it was proposed by some of the Committee to erect a more costly one—of eight hundred or one thousand dollars.

In pursuance of the resolution above adopted, some members of the General Association subscribed and procured subscriptions from others, amounting in all to about seventy-two dollars ($72). Of that sum three dollars were paid out for printing circulars relative to the object, and in October 14, 1858, sixty-nine dollars ($69) were deposited by the Committee in the Exeter Savings Bank. This is the whole amount that has been raised toward the contemplated object; a sum, it will be seen, entirely inadequate for the accomplishment of it; and we therefore recommend that the further prosecution of it be relinquished. In relation to the sum deposited in the Exeter Savings Bank, your Committee are in favor of making a final disposition of it, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution: to wit,

Whereas, The erection of a monument in Exeter, in memory of Rev. George Whitefield, agreeably to a plan proposed at the General Association in August, 1856, appears to be impracticable, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the subscribers of the amount paid in for the proposed object, and now on deposit in the Exeter Savings Bank, be at liberty to withdraw the sums severally, so paid by them, from said bank, provided they give notice of their intention to do so, on or before the first day of December next.

2. *Resolved*, That the amount contributed for said object, which may remain in Exeter Savings Bank, on the first day of January, under the name of the Whitefield Memorial Fund, be held for and added to the Widows' Charitable Fund; and that five per cent of the sum annually accruing therefrom be expended by the Trustees of said Fund, for the aid of indigent widows and orphans of deceased ministers, agreeably to the constitution under which they act.

3. *Resolved*, That notice of the intention to withdraw the money paid in be made by the subscribers to the Treasurer, Shadrach Seavey, Esq., of Concord, or to his successor in office, and that these resolutions be published, for the information of all concerned, in the Congregational Journal, in the Exeter News-Letter, and in the minutes of this body.

Resolved, That, in order to avoid confusion, the General Association recommend to the District Associations to employ letters of dismission and recommendation in regular form, whenever members transfer their relation from one Association to another.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, submitted his report, which was accepted.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised by assessments on the Conferences, to defray the expenses of this body, according to section 11 of the Constitution and Rules.

Voted, That six hundred copies of the Minutes of this meeting be published by the Committee of Publication.

The Secretary read letters from the General Association of Iowa, and the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. E. W. Root, Delegate from the General Conference of Ohio, addressed the Association.

Rev. Thomas W. Duncan, Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, reported his attendance at the meeting of that body in Bridgeport.

Rev. Martin Dudley, representing the General Association of Connecticut, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

Dr. Bouton, from the Committee to draft resolutions on the state of the country, submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, By the ministers and delegates of the churches composing the General Association of New-Hampshire, that we cherish an ardent attachment to the principles of civil and religious freedom on which our national government is based; we deplore and detest the spirit of rebellion and treason, whether openly manifested or secretly cherished, in any portion of our country; and we deem it our Christian duty to exert all the influence which God has given us, in maintaining our Constitution and Union in opposition to all efforts, in whatever quarter made, to overthrow them.

2. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the proclamation made by the President of the United States, appointing the 26th of September next, as a day for National Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, and that we recommend to all the ministers and churches of our connection, not only to

observe that day, but to offer unceasing supplications to God for our National Rulers; for the officers of our Army and Navy; for our soldiers; for the speedy triumph of our righteous cause, the restoration of loyalty, peace, union and prosperity to every part of our beloved country.

3. *Resolved*, That as we recognize the Sabbath as an institution of God, we deplore the desecration of that day in every manner; and we earnestly hope that all our rulers, military officers and soldiers will maintain, so far as possible, the sanctity of the Sabbath, that neither in camp nor field, nor in marches, nor in the transportation of troops, nor in navy yards, will any thing be required which is not absolutely necessary; and that opportunity may then be given to the soldiers to attend religious services.

4. *Resolved*, That we highly commend the efforts of benevolent individuals and societies, for the distribution of the word of God, tracts and religious books among our soldiers; and we rejoice in official measures for the suppression of intemperance, and for the promotion of good order and discipline in the Army.

5. *Resolved*, That we approve of Soldiers' Aid Societies, formed by the ladies of New-Hampshire, and we commend them for the "aid and comfort" given to the brave volunteers who are enlisted in defense of our country.

6. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the patriotic devotion of our worthy brother, the Rev. Henry E. Parker, of Concord, as Chaplain of the Second Regiment of New-Hampshire Volunteers, and that we pledge him our sympathy and prayers during his absence from his family and the people of his charge.

Rev. J. T. Tucker, from the General Association of Massachusetts, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood, District Secretary of the American Tract Society at New-York, and Rev. J. W. Alvord, Secretary of the American Tract Society at Boston, presented the claims of these respective societies.

Rev. S. B. Treat, Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, spoke in behalf of that cause.

Captain Andrew Bartlett, from Boston, spoke in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society.

At 11 o'clock the annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Society was celebrated with interesting and appropriate services, as follows: Singing by the Sabbath school pupils in attendance, led by Mr. Kimball; prayer by Rev. Dr. Putnam, of Middleborough, Mass.; singing; report by the Secretary, Rev. Jacob Cummings; singing; address by Rev. Pliny B. Day, of Hollis, on Sabbath school literature; singing; address by Mr. K. A. Burnell, Agent of Massachusetts Sabbath School Society for the North-west; address by Captain Bartlett; singing; benediction by Dr. Barstow.

After these services Rev. J. Fullonton presented the Chris-

tian salutations of the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting of New-Hampshire.

The Secretary of the Association, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., tendered the resignation of his office, which he has held since 1851. His resignation was reluctantly accepted.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. Dr. Young, for his prompt, faithful and acceptable services, as its Secretary, for the past ten years.

Rev. J. Cummings, having expressed his intention to decline a reëlection as Secretary of the Association for Sabbath schools, was unanimously requested to continue in office. Whereupon Mr. Cummings consented to serve another year.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. Archibald Burpee, conveying the salutations of the Congregational Union of Canada West.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, To give place to the New-Hampshire Bible Society, which now celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

The President, Edward Spalding, M. D., took the chair, and briefly addressed the Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Putnam, of Massachusetts.

Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D., President of Dartmouth College, preached a sermon from Revelation 22 : 8, 18, 19. Subject—"The Peculiar Probation in which we are placed by the word of God."

The Treasurer, Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., and the Secretary, Rev. Isaac Willey, respectively submitted their annual reports, which were adopted, and ordered to be published by the Directors.

The Society then adjourned, to meet at the Vestry in the evening to elect its officers, and transact other business.

The New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society then held its annual meeting.

The President, Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., took the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lyman Whiting, of Providence, R. I.

The Treasurer, Dea. James Moulton, presented his report, which was accepted.

The Secretary, Prof. S. G. Brown, not being able to attend, the report of the Directors was read by the President. The report was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Congregational Journal.

The officers were then elected, and the Society adjourned.

The Association resumed its session, and adjourned to 7½ o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, 7½ o'clock. The services were opened by singing the 85th psalm, L. M., and prayer by Rev. Mr. Condit.

The following question was taken up and discussed:

"Is the prevailing method of employing stated supplies instead of pastors compatible with the highest prosperity of our churches?"

Rev. U. W. Condit, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. S. H. Riddel, Rev. W. Clark, Rev. L. S. Parker, Rev. L. Marshall, Rev. J. W. Ray, Rev. O. T. Lanphear, Rev. Dr. Barstow, Rev. Dr. Putnam, Rev. T. W. Duncan and Dea. J. A. Lane spoke upon the subject.

After prayer by Dr. Stone, singing and the benediction, the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock in the morning.

Thursday Morning. Met according to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read.

On motion of the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements,

Voted, That this Association deeply sympathize with the pastor of this church in his present affliction, and that, on account of his illness, the officers of the church be requested to present the thanks of this body to the people of Portsmouth for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir for their valuable services.

On a report from the Committee on Nominations, the following appointments were made:

Committee to certify the regular standing of Ministers—Rev. Drs. N. Bouton, A. W. Burnham, J. K. Young, N. Lord, Z. S. Barstow, Austin Richards, Rev. Messrs. Thomas Savage, John

P. Humphrey, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, A. Bodwell, John Wood.

Auditor—Rev. William Clark.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine, at Portland, June 24, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. William Clark.

To the General Convention of Vermont, at Norwich, June 17, 1862:

Primary, Rev. James Boutwell.
Substitute, Rev. O. T. Lanphear.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, at New-Bedford, June 24, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Uzal W. Condit.
Substitute, Rev. Jacob Hood.

To the General Association of Connecticut, at Norwalk, June 17, 1862:

Primary, Rev. John H. Mellish.
Substitute, Rev. Hugh McLeod.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, at Providence, June 10, 1862:

Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker.
Substitute, Rev. Corban Curtice.

To the General Association of New-York, at Binghampton, October 8, 1861:

Primary, Rev. Austin Richards, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. Charles J. Hill.

To the Congregational Conference of Ohio, at Mount-Vernon, June 12, 1862:

Primary, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, at Milwaukie, Sept. 25, 1861:

Primary, Rev. William T. Savage.
Substitute, Rev. Isaac Willey.

To the General Association of Michigan, at Grand Rapids, May 18, 1862:

Primary, Rev. C. W. Wallace.
Substitute, Rev. E. N. Hidden.

To the General Association of Iowa, at Lyons, June 4, 1862;

Primary, Rev. Jacob Cummings.
Substitute, Rev. Elias Nason.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15, 1862:

Primary, Rev. J. H. Stearns.
Substitute, Rev. George W. Sargent.

To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, at ——, June 13, 1862:

Primary, Rev. J. Ordway.
Substitute, Rev. Charles Burnham.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, at Sanbornton Bridge, April 9, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. E. O. Jameson.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention, at Lake Village, October 16, 1861:

Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.
Substitute, Rev. M. H. Wells.

To the Congregational Union of Canada, at Hamilton, C. W., June 11, 1862:

Primary, Rev. H. Cummings.
Substitute, Rev. R. F. Lawrence.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas, at Waubaunsee, May 22, 1862:

Primary, Rev. William R. Jewett.
Substitute, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

To the General Association of Oregon, at ——, September 4, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Bezaleel Smith.
Substitute, Rev. Charles Cutler.

To the Congregational Association of California, at ——,

Primary, Rev. Jacob Scales.
Substitute, Rev. E. T. Rowe.

To the General Conference of Minnesota, at Anoka, October 10, 1861, 7 o'clock P. M.:

Primary, Rev. John Colby.
Substitute, Rev. James Holmes.

PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association be held with the South Church in Concord. Preacher of the opening sermon to be appointed by Manchester Association.

Rev. Israel Putnam, D. D., and Rev. Lyman Whiting, both formerly pastors of this church, were designated to officiate at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this afternoon.

Rev. Prof. D. J. Noyes, D. D., was elected preacher of the sermon before the sacrament for next year, and Rev. Elias Richardson as his substitute.

Rev. J. G. Davis was elected Secretary of the General Association, in place of Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., resigned.

Rev. Mr. Davis was also reëlected Statistical Secretary.

Voted, To adjourn till after public services.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the New-Hampshire Missionary Society celebrated its sixtieth anniversary.

Rev. Jacob Cummings presided. Prayer was offered by Dr. Bouton. The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., presented his report, which was accepted. The report of the Trustees was presented by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark. The report was accepted. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Burnham, addresses were made by Rev. Alvan Tobey, Hon. Thomas J. Melvin, Rev. Dr. Putnam, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

After singing,

"My country, 't is of thee,"

the meeting was concluded with prayer and the benediction.

The Association resumed business.

On motion,

Voted, That thanks be given to the managers of the following railroad corporations, for their favor in granting free return tickets to the members of this body: viz., Concord, and Concord and Portsmouth; Northern; Boston, Concord and Montreal; Cochecho; Great-Falls and Conway.

Voted, That thanks be tendered to Horace Webster, Esq., for his efficient efforts in making provision for our entertainment, and in securing for us a free return on the railroads from this meeting.

Adjourned till after public service this afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association united with the church in Portsmouth and other Christians in attendance, in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, of Claremont, from James 1 : 2. Rev. Dr. Putnam and Rev. Lyman Whiting officiated at the table.

After these services the Minutes were read and approved, when the Association adjourned *sine die.*

THOMAS J. MELVIN, *Moderator.*

SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, *Scribe.*
HENRY C. FAY, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

DURING the past year two ministers of our denomination have died: Rev. Broughton White, of Acworth, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and Rev. John Woods, aged 76. Mr. White was thirteen years pastor of the church in Washington, Sullivan county. His labors, both there and in other places, were crowned with the divine blessing. Mr. Woods preached ten years in Warner, and twenty-seven in Newport, N. H., and in both places many souls were the fruits of his faithful presentation of the great truths of God's word. His last labors were at Fitzwilliam, his native town. Rev. Jonathan Curtis, long known among us as a zealous and faithful pastor, has also deceased. He was not, however, at the time of his death, a resident of this State. Moreover, many members of our churches, both male and female, have likewise passed away; thus reminding pastors and people that the day of labor and duty must soon give place to the night, wherein no man can work.

Early in the season your Committee, by a notice inserted in the Congregational Journal, reminded pastors and churches of the new arrangement of the last General Association, by which pastors and County Conferences were requested to forward their reports, by the 1st of July, to the Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion. This request met with a very limited response, and hence the narrative of the present condition of our churches must be very general in its statements, and very meager in statistics.

In the report of the churches in Hillsborough County Conference, some things seem worthy of special notice. The Sabbath school work has been prosecuted with new interest. Some schools have extended their borders by organizing mission schools, which promise to be a means of great good to the more destitute classes in our larger towns. Twenty-six conversions are reported and thirty-one additions from the Sabbath schools to the churches. A spirit of harmony has also been increasingly manifested. The two churches in New-Ipswich have become united, and are now a strong body. And notwithstanding the depression of the times, the benevolent contributions are several hundred dollars more than they were last year.

The Sullivan County Conference reports an interesting work of grace at Kimball Union Academy last spring. Daily prayer-meetings were kept up for a long time, and a very deep interest was felt in the subject of religion by a large number of the students; a good number of whom, we doubt not, will appear, in the final day, the true disciples of the Lord

Jesus. In Claremont the town appointed a committee to act with the selectmen in enforcing the "Law for the Suppression of Intemperance."

We have much occasion of devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, for the general prosperity and peace which prevail among us; for the sound and healthful state of religious doctrine and sentiment; and for the evident tokens of the Spirit's influences by which some of our churches have been blessed, and some precious souls hopefully converted. In Conway, Milton and Keene there has been a good degree of religious interest, especially among the youth.

We record with special gratitude, notwithstanding the calamitous condition of the nation, that there has been no marked decrease in the interest or aid felt and given to the various benevolent enterprises of the age. Foreign and domestic missions; Sabbath schools and temperance, education and tract distribution; the cause of seamen and the condition of the slave, have all been remembered in the prayers and contributions of the friends of Christ.

From other bodies in correspondence with us, we learn that a similar state of things exists. Revivals of a precious character have been enjoyed in a few places, but no wide-spread religious awakening has pervaded the whole land.

The political condition of the nation has been such as to excite the deepest feelings of all loyal and patriotic hearts, and it is matter of devout and grateful praise to God, in these times of trouble and danger, when treason has been rife in high places and in low places, that all the religious bodies in all the loyal States have nobly responded to the call of the country, and without an exception, and, almost with entire unanimity, have passed resolutions fully sustaining and indorsing the measures of government to uphold and maintain, in their integrity and vigor, the Constitution and laws of the land. This General Association will doubtless be found a unit on the side of liberty and law; ready to aid, by prayer and other suitable efforts, the cause of constitutional freedom, now put in jeopardy by those on whom our government has conferred the largest favors and the highest honors. But while we regard the cause of the government as eminently just, we would feel that, unless God's blessing attends the efforts to suppress this most wicked and unnatural rebellion, all wisdom is folly, all strength weakness; and that the greater our means, and the mightier our forces, the more signal will be our defeat, and the more complete our ruin. "Some trust in chariots and some in horsemen, but our trust is in the Lord of Hosts, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

Brethren, a great calamity has befallen our beloved country, through the deep shadow of which we are now passing; while, therefore, "his judgments are abroad in the earth, may the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness."

In behalf of the Committee,

AMOS BLANCHARD.

PASTORAL LETTER.

THE General Association of New-Hampshire, in accordance with their usage, present Christian salutations to the churches with which it is connected.

BELOVED BRETHREN—

In addressing you at the present time, we could hardly perform a better service than to call your attention to the valuable Christian counsels which have been given by our brethren in former years. Those addresses have embraced a great variety of subjects, which all will acknowledge should be studied and contemplated.

In selecting topics on which to address you at the present time, we have endeavored to look at the actual condition of our churches and congregations. There are duties which can not fail to arrest the attention of the thoughtful, and impress them with the need of their being discharged.

To some of these we shall now allude, as the ground of our present suggestions:

I. Be engaged to make progress both in the Christian life, and in a knowledge of revealed truth. The Christian life is one of advance. It is a growth from the feebleness of infancy at the new birth "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." We are forbidden to be stationary, but are directed "to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work." All the similes employed in the sacred volume, referring to the Christian life, imply progress. It is likened to the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day; to the growing grain—first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. To this end seek to advance in a knowledge of divine truth. The sincere milk of the word is that whereby we may grow. It is food to the soul, nourishing and healthful. Without it our piety will be sickly and puny. We may fairly conclude, from intimations and directions in the Epistles, that Christians in those days were expected to be thoroughly acquainted with the system of truth which they had embraced. We find the Apostle Paul complaining of some who had been for a considerable time professors of religion, on account of the slow progress which they had made in a knowledge of revealed truth. "For when for the time ye ought to have been teachers, ye have need that one teach you which be the first principles of the oracles of God, and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." We do not claim that every member of our churches is to be a thorough theologian, but it is desirable and practicable that every one should understand the essential parts of his belief, together with the arguments by which they are supported. Therefore, let there be more study of the great truths of

the Bible. As well might we conceive of a superstructure without a foundation, as of religion without a measure of doctrinal knowledge.

II. Generously sustain the cause of Christian benevolence. Our blessed Lord exercised the most costly self-denial, that his Father might be glorified, and the salvation of men secured. His ruling passion was the joy of doing the will of God. Now it is a dangerous mistake in multitudes connected with the visible church, that they may be devoted to their ease, enjoyment, worldly advancement; forgetting that if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. That spirit is manifested by a readiness to endure toil and sacrifice for the eternal salvation of others. "Our religion is exactly in proportion as we are borne away by the love of God and his creatures from self, and stand ready, from that heavenly principle, to sacrifice personal ease, comfort and prosperity to advance the kingdom of righteousness." Therefore, we entreat you to prove the reality of your religion by your ready and hearty beneficence. Regard yourselves simply as stewards. Be ready for every call that the Lord's service may make. We read that, on the day of pentecost, the multitudes of them who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither said any of aught of the things which he possessed was his own. The professed disciples of Christ should never lose sight of the truth that they are his, and that their property is his. Whatever is in their hands is to be used to promote the interests of their Master and Lord. It is a mournful spectacle, one that gives occasion both for sorrow and shame, when those within the visible church are behind those without in a readiness to contribute of their substance to relieve the distressed, to raise the degraded and to advance the interests of the kingdom of Christ.

III. Support the proper observance of Christian discipline. The members of a church are associated in a solemn covenant. This covenant has the binding force of an oath. By it the members agree to walk together in all the ordinances of the gospel, to watch over each other in the spirit of love, and faithfully to admonish, help and reclaim each other, according to the laws of Christ. The imperfect sanctification of Christians, the fact that they have remaining corruptions, that their affections are not all heavenly, nor are they always crucified to the world, or watchful against sin, prepares the way at times for them to fall into offenses, thus giving occasion of reproach to the world. Now it should be the aim of a church to have no occasion for the exercise of discipline. The members should all seek to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, to have such a measure of grace as to be qualified for usefulness, and not inclined to yield to temptation. Farther, linked together as they are in a sacred brotherhood, under the most sacred obligations to do all in their power to contribute for the advancement of each other in holiness of heart and life, they are to consider one another to provoke to love and good works, exhorting one another daily, looking diligently, lest any fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness spring up to trouble, and thereby many be defiled;

lest there be any fornicator or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of bread sold his birthright.

It is not common for a Christian to fall at once into grievous sin. His career of declension commences in the commission of what are regarded as little sins. The stream may flow under the ground, far from the fountain, before it comes up to the surface. It should be our aim to prevent the necessity of church discipline, by kind and faithful admonition and watchfulness. In this way we should preserve the cause of Christ from a vast amount of reproach, and the church from the discharge of a painful duty. And in this respect are not the great body of Christians criminally faulty? But when the exercise of discipline is demanded, it should be performed. Such a step is due to the church at large. While an incorrigible offender remains connected with the body, he is a grief at heart, a stumbling and vexation. The church can no more stand before their enemies, than could the host of Israel when they had an Achan in their camp.

IV. Let the influence of a deep, practical piety be manifest in your daily life. The children of God are declared to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. We have a right to look to them for the highest tone of morality, and the most conscientious regard to all the commandments of God. If grace has been lodged in the heart, its purifying influence is to be manifest in the outward life. The pretended piety that does not thus manifest itself, is at once to be suspected and rejected. Our Savior has so taught in those solemn words: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

We can not examine the sacred writers without observing the stress which they lay on practical religion, as indispensable both as an evidence that we have been born of the Spirit, and as a means of honoring the name by which we are called. Our Savior commences his sermon on the Mount, by enforcing the practice of the Christian virtues, pronouncing a blessing on the poor in spirit, the meek, those who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, the merciful and the peacemakers. We find the great Apostle, in one epistle, affirming that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; in another, enforcing the practice of whatever things are honest, just, lovely, pure and of good report; and in another, that they who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

Unless there is a happy correspondence between the temper of our minds and the religion which we have professed, our prayers and exhortations will avail little for the conversion and spiritual good of the impenitent. They must see us carrying that religion into the practice of our

lives, manifesting its moral excellence, constraining them to contrast the blessed fruits of the Spirit with the polluted, hateful lusts of the flesh. If we manifest the spirit of Christ, if we live so much in communion with him that our very raiment savors of heaven, others will take knowledge that we have been with him; if we are living epistles, known and read of all, adorning the doctrine of God our Savior, they will be led to glorify him.

Lastly, value and cherish the distinctive principles of our ecclesiastical system. We would by no means recommend a spirit of proselytism, or of encroachment upon our brethren of other evangelical denominations. We have no desire to tear down their spiritual temples for the purpose of constructing one of our own. Our reliance for prosperity is not placed on denominational prejudice or worldly policy, but rather on the spirituality and zeal of our members, the energy and faithfulness of our pastors, accompanied by the influences of the Holy Spirit.

But is it not a defect among us, that there is such a lack of the *esprit de corps?* It is even regarded as magnanimous to sacrifice our denominational preferences. We cherish the memory of our fathers, and yet hold that the distinctive principles which they taught us, and for which they were ready to sacrifice all things, require us to be indifferent to their growth and prosperity. The genius of our polity is invoked to show that we should have this indifference. It is claimed that our system is the opposite of sectarian. We are to manifest no more zeal to extend our own opinions than those of others. Our zeal is to be of a peculiar kind. It is not for the propagation of our own opinions, but of any opinions, if they are in a measure evangelical.

But consistency requires us to act in accordance with our convictions. There is an immense difference between a blind, narrow, bitter sectarianism, that can see no good in other communions, and a rational preference of our own. Consistency must condemn us for lauding the principles of our fathers, and the priding ourselves in our want of zeal to extend and support them.

We believe that the principles of our denominations (for in our body Congregationalists and Presbyterians are united) are in more perfect agreement with the Scriptures than those of any other; that they are better adapted to secure brotherly love, to promote intelligence among the members, to give birth to a spirit of activity and zeal, to encourage free inquiry in the investigation of truth, and to furnish a safeguard against oppression. We look upon its results, as seen in the character and institutions of New-England, with exultant and grateful feelings. Therefore, while ready to coöperate with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in every labor of love to advance the interests of his kingdom, let us not cherish indifference to the principles of our Puritan fathers. Rather, let us teach them to our children, as scriptural, precious, inseparably connected with the spiritual elevation and happiness of men.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1860.		*Cr.*	
Nov.	From Hopkinton, Orange, Manchester and Union Associations, arrears of taxes for 1859,.....	$20.00	
Nov.	For Minutes sold and donations,.....	1.34	
1861.			
July 16.	From Hollis Association, tax of 1860,.....	6.00	
July 19.	From Piscataqua Association, tax of 1860,.....	10.00	
Aug. 27.	Conference assessments, (Grafton excepted).....	71.00	
Aug. 27.	From Monadnock Association, tax of 1860,.....	7.00	
Aug. 27.	From Lancaster " "	1.50	
Aug. 27.	From Belknap " "	5.75	
Aug. 27.	From Harmony " "	3.00	
Aug. 29.	Suncook " "	2.50	
Aug. 29.	Orange " "	4.00	
Aug. 29.	Sullivan " "	6.50	
			$138.59

1860.		*Dr.*	
Sept. 17.	By balance due from last year's account,.....	$17.75	
Nov. 14.	By freight and expense of distributing Minutes,..	6.98	
1861.			
Aug. 18.	By McFarland & Jenks' bill, printing 600 copies Minutes,.....	80.00	
Aug. 29.	By McFarland & Jenks' bill, printing blanks,....	6.00	
Sept. 12.	By Secretary and Treasurer, postage, stationery, &c.,.....	4.89	
Sept. 12.	By balance in the treasury,.....	22.97	
			$138.59

Taxes are now due, for 1860, from Hopkinton, Union, Derry and Manchester Associations. The proportion of the assessment, made at Portsmouth, required from each County Conference, for the expenses of 1862, will be found in the table containing the statistics of the several Conferences.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer $22.97.

WILLIAM CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, September 12, 1861.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was held at the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton, Wednesday, June 5, 1861.

Present—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. L. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, Dea. Asa McFarland and James Moulton, Jr.

Elected Shadrach Seavey, Esq., a Trustee in place of Rev. John Woods, deceased.

Elected Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., President.
" JAMES MOULTON, Jr., Secretary.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, Esq., Treasurer.
" JAMES MOULTON, Jr., Auditor.
" Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., } Executive Committee.
JAMES MOULTON, Jr., } Executive Committee.
SHADRACH SEAVEY, } Executive Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Board of Trustees be presented to Hon. Francis N. Fisk, for his long-continued, faithful and very acceptable services as Treasurer of the Board.

Voted, To adjourn.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, held at the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton, June 7, 1861,

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars each be paid to the following persons from the Funds of the Trustees:

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. Mary Pillsbury; Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns; Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, August 21, 1861, it was voted to appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars, for the use and benefit of Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill, widow of the late Rev. Stephen Merrill, of North Wolfborough.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: viz., one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrines contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness.

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a Moderator is chosen. The Secretary

shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a Scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the Scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements,* consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be

appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor and make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations, which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, and addresses and statements on the same subject. After which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses,

respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and followed by the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union, and such other societies as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. The Association shall give place for two hours, if necessary, to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: viz., Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to

the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Campton,	1774	J. B. Hadley	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	37	65	102	20	1	4	5	3	0	0	3	1	3	125
Center-Harbor,	May 10, 1838	Almon Benson	Dec. 20, 1840	Dec. 20, 1840	20	35	55	14	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	8	50
Danbury,	1800	Andrew Rankin*	June, 1822	Dec. 18, 1860	32	47	79	7	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	90
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	48	69	117	27	4	2	6	3	1	0	4	2	0	73
Groton, }	Nov. 9, 1803	Liba Conant	May 29, 1833	S. S.	12	16	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Hebron, }	1779				11	29	40	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	120
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 1, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	49	121	170	33	0	0	0	1	2	2	5	0	6	170
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	17	42	59	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100
Plymouth,	1765	W. R Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	June 25, 1845	36	103	139	32	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	165
Sanbornton,	1771	J. Boutwell	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	45	87	132	16	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	5	135
Sandwich,	Aug., 1814	R. Parkinson	Oct. 14, 1848	S. S.	12	29	41	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Thornton,	1780	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	8	15	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 8.	S. S., 2.	329	655	984	82	13	10	23	16	8	2	26	5	24	1,212

* Member of Merrimack Association.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ordained November 13, 1806; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained 1835.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page	Sept., 1835	S. S.	27	63	90	18	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	112
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	25	42	67	8	1	2	3	5	0	0	5	0	3	150
Bedford,	1750	Thomas Savage	1822	1826	50	75	125	6	2	2	4	5	2	0	7	0	6	150
Candia,	1770	Ephraim N. Hidden		1841	Nov. 2, 1859	92	140	232	27	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	2	175
Chester,	Oct. 21, 1731	H. O. Howland	Dec., 1846	Aug. 12, 1857	58	130	188	30	4	1	5	2	2	0	4	3	7	180
Deerfield,	1766	U. W. Condit	1850	1855	46	74	120	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Derry, 1st Ch.	1749 and 1809	Leonard S. Parker	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	70	130	200	50	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	175
Derry Village,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	28	99	127	11	1	4	5	1	0	8	9	1	2	100
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Pastor elect.		43	73	116	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	137
Goffstown,	1801	J. W. Ray	Jan., 1858	S. S., 1857	29	73	102	63	1	3	4	4	2	0	6	1	7	230
Hampstead,	1752	Theodore C. Pratt	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	20	62	82	8	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	150
Hooksett,	1828	M. Leffingwell	July 7, 1844	S. S. July, 1860	11	30	41	17	3	6	9	0	2	1	3	3	0	40
Hudson,	1841		Licentiate.	S. S., 1860	11	37	48	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70
Litchfield, Pres.	Reorg. 1844	E. Newhall	Jan., 1824	Sept., 1854	5	15	20	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	66	124	190	30	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	6	240
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	109	287	396	87	7	10	17	6	8	1	15	4	0	550
Franklin St. Ch.	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	53	183	236	78	11	13	24	2	3	0	5	9	3	375
Presbyterian Ch.	Nov. 9, 1859	George A. Bowman	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S., 1859	7	15	22	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	60
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.			H	31	42	20	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Merrimack,	Sept. 5, 1771	E. J. Hart	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	56	103	159	25	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	7	133
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1851	A. Berry		Pastor elect.	23	61	84	8	6	0	6	1	2	0	3	0	0	150
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Hother Burrows	June 1, 1836	S. S., 1859	23	61	84	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	80
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	John Lawrence	Aug. 3, 1848	S. S., 1859	19	49	68	7	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	120
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	41	98	139	11	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	200
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 14. S. S., 6.			923	2,058	2,978	556	45	48	93	48	31	10	89	26	50	3,692

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained February 7, 1816; Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent N. H. Bible Society.

LICENTIATE. Henry L. Boltwood, Derry.

HARRISON O. HOWLAND, Chester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	E. D. Eldredge.	April 4, 1838	Jan. 24, 1861	9	29	38	4	0	6	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	157
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S. S. Feb. 1, '56	21	64	85	19	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	125
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			9	27	36	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S. May 1, '48	21	53	74	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Moultonboro', 1st	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			8	22	30	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Moultonboro', 2d	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.			5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, '48	27	43	70	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddell.	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	53	96	149	26	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	160
Tuftonborough,		1839 Vacant.			2	8	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood		1840 S. S. Jan., 1859	19	45	64	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	70
Wakefield,	1785	J. B. Tufts.		S. S. Apr. 1, '61	11	27	38	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	60
Wolfboro' North.	June 18, 1839	Vacant.			15	28	43	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	52
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 3. S. S., 4.			200	448	648	120	6	7	13	12	2	0	14	3	6	856

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ordained June 13, 1827; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained November 1, 1826; Thomas L. Ambrose, Missionary, Persia.

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe.* SAMUEL H. RIDDELL, Tamworth, *Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'm		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis.	May 22, 1844	May 28, 1844	72	153	225	26	2	1	3	7	0	3	10	2	0	174
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin.	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	27	39	66	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	160
Hollis,	Before 1743	P. B. Day.	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	85	144	229	14	1	1	2	7	1	4	12	0	0	250
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	D. Goodwin.	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	46	66	112	23	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	140
Mason, 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	George E. Fisher.	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	37	88	125	40	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	1	80
Merrimack, South	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			13	23	36	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milford,	1788	F. D. Ayer.	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	83	202	285	53	0	1	1	6	5	0	11	0	0	394
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	Charles J. Hill.	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	93	354	447	105	3	11	14	3	9	0	12	1	4	571
Olive Street.	1834	A. Richards, D. D.	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	105	341	446	184	1	12	13	1	14	0	15	0	0	274
Pearl Street.	Sept. 3, 1846	Vacant.			51	142	193	40	0	4	4	2	21	0	23	0	0	290
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Vacant.			92	168	260	25	0	87	87	3	7	1	11	0	1	200
Mont-Vernon,	Sept., 1780	Charles E. Lord	May 8, 1844	Feb. 11, 1857	55	75	130	10	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	1	135
Rindge,	Dec., 1765	A. W. Burnham.	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	79	127	206	5	0	1	1	5	2	6	13	0	13	300
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1761	George Goodyear.	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	29	72	101	17	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100
Wilton, 2d Ch.	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams.	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	30	94	124	27	0	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	162
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 12.			897	2,088	2,985	585	12	41	53	45	75	14	134	7	20	3,230

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., ordained October 18, 1802; E. M. Kellogg, Nashua, ordained October 26, 1842; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained January 18, 1819; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained October 17, 1832; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained November 4, 1830.

LICENTIATES. Augustus Berry, Pelham; Sylvanus Hayward, Dunbarton.

T. P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe.* CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe.*

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			4	11	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	A. Smith	July 2, 1840	June 15, 1843	54	101	155	25	0	3	3	4	2	0	6	0	3	125
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			14	31	45	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	40
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott		S. S.	26	51	77	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60
Canterbury,	About 1760	H. Moody	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S. Dec. 19, '60	32	64	96	20	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	1	1	100
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	66	176	242	39	3	8	11	2	4	1	7	1	5	200
Concord, East	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	34	72	106	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	90
Concord, South	Feb. 1, 1837	Henry E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 14, 1851	106	215	321	47	2	5	7	0	5	1	6	2	21	300
Concord, West	April 22, 1833	Asa P. Tenney	June, 1828	Apr. 23, 1833	65	129	194	35	1	6	7	2	2	0	4	0	0	150
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	A. Wm. Fiske	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	27	65	92	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	9	144
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	William T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	40	95	135	41	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	50	118	168	47	1	5	6	6	0	0	6	1	1	300
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	15	22	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. B. Cook	1846	March 6, 1861	73	103	176	25	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	114
Northfield & S. Br.,	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	44	107	151	34	1	2	3	4	2	1	6	1	1	160
Pembroke,	March 12, 1808	L. Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	42	96	138	30	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	242
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	H. Merrill	May 7, 1845	March 17, 1858	23	52	75	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	89
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	D. Warren	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	27	66	93	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton	Apr. 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	65	92	157	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	184
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	J. L. Arms	June 25, 1846	Nov. 10, 1859	19	31	50	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	74
Total, 20.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 2.			818	1,690	2,508	382	13	31	44	37	25	3	65	8	50	2,712

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained September 26, 1804; William Patrick, Boscawen, ordained October 26, 1803; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Editor of the "Congregational Journal," Concord, ordained May 26, 1831.

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, Webster, October 19, 1858; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, October 19, 1858; Samuel H. Amsden, Danbury, May 14, 1861.

LEWIS GOODRICH, Pembroke, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,.....	Oct. 15, 1802	Daniel McClenning	Apr. 29, 1852	S. S. 1861	9	23	32	6	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	50
Colebrook,.....	Dec. 4, 1802	H. M. Bridge.....	1849	Aug. 6, 1860	25	26	31	12	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	67
Dalton,.....	Apr. 28, 1816	George W. Stinson	.....	S. S., 1861	8	17	25	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
Franconia,.....	April, 1814	Daniel McClenning	.....	S. S., 1861	5	13	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Lancaster,.....	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay.....	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	39	93	132	2	3	2	5	2	0	1	3	0	1	125
Shelburne,.....	1818	Vacant.	.....	.....	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewartstown,.....	July 1, 1846	J. B. Hill.....	August, 1830	S. S., 1857	15	21	36	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	52
Total, 7.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 2. S. S., 4.			101	197	298	41	3	5	8	6	2	1	9	0	3	457

Josiah Morse, Northumberland, ordained February, 1833; preaches at Guildhall, Vt.

HOSEA ALDRICH, Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777.	Daniel Sawyer.	May 13, 1846	S. S., 1860	17	34	51	24	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842.	Darwin Adams.	July 16, 1828	S. S., 1860	5	25	30	9	0	2	2	1	1	2	4	0	0	50
Alstead, New	1788.	William Claggett.		1830 S. S., 1861	32	60	92	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Chesterfield,	1771.	Jeffries Hall.	June 5, 1833	S. S., 1858	8	32	40	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	60
Dublin,	1827.	N. W. Sheldon.		1824 S. S., 1860	10	19	29	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	30
Fitzwilliam,	1771.	William L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	50	98	148	15	8	2	10	5	2	0	7	1	10	200
Gilsum,	1772.	Ezra Adams.	April 28, 1840	March 19, 1851	15	27	42	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	86
Harrisville,	1840.	J. K. Bragg.		S. S., 1861	13	29	42	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	104
Hinsdale,	1821.	Moses H. Wells.	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	38	77	115	9	1	10	11	3	0	0	3	0	8	100
Jaffrey,	1780.	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	33	79	112	30	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	150
Jaffrey, East	1850.	F. D. Austin.	June 23, 1853	S. S., 1857	19	49	68	4	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	94
Keene,	1738.	Z. S. Barstow, D.D. / J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 / Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818 / Jan. 29, 1861	66	251	317	9	18	9	77	1	5	0	6	7	3	361
Marlborough,	1778.	Giles Lyman.	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S., 1840	29	67	96	28	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	1	120
Nelson,	1781.	Jairus Ordway*	April 26, 1848	S. S., 1861	32	56	88	26	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	3	165
Roxbury,	1816.	T. W. Duncan	June 13, 1821	S. S., 1858	5	12	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Stoddard,	1787.	Samuel L. Gerould	Pastor elect.		6	37	43	10	6	3	9	4	5	0	9	6	0	65
Sullivan,	1792.	N. Barbour.	Dec., 1836	S. S., 1861	30	49	79	11	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	2	130
Surry,	1769.	Vacant.			4	10	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Swanzey,	1741.	John G. Wilson.	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	21	52	73	7	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	137
Troy,	1815.	Vacant.			22	42	64	21	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	80
Westmoreland,	1764.	R. B. Gidden.	June, 1860	S. S. Jan. 1860	25	59	84	15	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
" Evan.	1853.	Vacant.			6	15	21	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	30
Winchester,	1736.	J. P. Humphrey.	Feb 3, 1847	Feb. 8, 1847	63	108	171	35	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	3	180
Walpole,	1761.	John M. Stow.	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	18	74	92	9	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	140
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 10. S. S., 12.			567	1361	1928	334	45	36	81	36	38	3	77	20	35	2546

*Member of Suncook Association.

WITHOUT CHARGE. H. G. Park, Walpole, ordained December 16, 1829; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained August 7, 1831.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe.* JOHN M. STOW, Walpole, *Statistical Scribe.*

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1791	Vacant.			87	100	137	30	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	150
Canaan,	1799	Moses Gerould.		S. S.	7	22	29	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Vacant.			7	13	20	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	60
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson.	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	49	139	188	38	13	4	17	3	2	0	5	8	3	214
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	B. Smith.		S. S.	32	68	100	37	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	3	0	0
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney.	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	128	231	369	35	1	4	5	8	4	0	12	1	6	274
Littleton,	1803	Charles E. Milliken	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	103	137	15	7	7	14	4	4	0	8	1	1	180
Orford,	May 1, 1822	Moses T. Runnells.	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.	20	51	71	16	1	2	3	4	3	1	8	0	0	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant.			22	60	82	23	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	1	2	80
Piermont,	March 10, 1803	A. L. Marden.	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	52	80	132	16	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	136
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Vacant.			9	28	37	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	150
Total, 11.		Vacant Churches, 4.	Pastors, 4.	S. S., 3.	397	895	1292	216	29	26	55	27	26	1	53	14	14	1444

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; S. M. Blanchard, ordained October 27, 1858.

LICENTIATES. L. B. Whittemore Orfordville, William S. Palmer, Andover, Mass., and John Eaton, Andover, Mass., had licenses renewed, May, 1861; S. L. Gerould, Canaan, and J. W. Pickett, licensed February 10, 1861.

JOHN D. EMERSON, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1755	Charles Willey	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S. Sept. 1859	15	39	54	11	10	0	10	0	1	0	1	9	1	80
Brentwood	Reorg. 1756	Hugh McLeod	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	19	57	76	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	100
Dover, 1st Ch.	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	71	264	335	112	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	3	250
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	B. F. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1847	Sept. 3, 1856	15	54	69	13	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	3	100
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	53	65	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	92
Exeter, 1st Ch.	1638 ; R. 1698	Elias Nason	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	50	90	140	4	3	4	7	4	7	0	11	2	0	216
Exeter, 2d Ch.	Jan., 1744	O. T. Lanphear	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	36	108	144	3	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	2	2	250
Epping,	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S., 1857	15	23	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	10	32	42	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	159
Great-Falls, 1st Ch.	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	42	109	151	15	2	4	6	2	8	2	12	1	2	315
Great-Falls, 2d Ch.	1857	Vacant.	.....	.....	20	40	60	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	50	65	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	69
Hampton,	1638	John Colby	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	67	137	204	21	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	6	148
H. Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	12	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	William Page	Dec. 4, 1840	S. S., 1861	2	18	20	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	12	40	52	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	67
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden	Sept. 29, 1826	S. S., 1846	9	27	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	Elias Chapman	Nov. 26, 1845	S. S., 1858	* 20	31	51	10	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John Dinsmore	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1852	63	100	163	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	201
Portsmouth,	1671	William L. Gage	Oct. 17, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	75	234	309	53	6	5	11	7	6	0	13	2	3	195
Raymond,	1791	George W. Sargent		1859	70	90	160	16	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	0	0	162
Rochester,	1737	James M. Palmer	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	20	95	115	0	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	4	115
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	28	75	103	9	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Dana B. Bradford	June 13, 1838	Aug. 11, 1858	17	69	86	43	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	60
South-Newmarket,	1730	Winthrop Fifield	May 10, 1837	S. S., 1852	10	20	30	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	58
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles	June 28, 1860	June 28, 1860	17	35	52	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	82
Total, 26.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 18.	S. S., 6.	742	1842	2544	349	33	29	62	39	44	2	85	19	43	*3232

* Mission Sabbath Schools, 120. Total, 3352

Without Charge. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; John LeBosquet, ordained September 21, 1836,—preaches at Newington.

Licentiate. Mason Moore preaches at Lee.

Edward Robie, Greenland, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	64	104	168	19	2	1	3	2	3	0	5	0	5	176
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	Joseph Garland,	June 21, 1848	S. S.	12	43	55	19	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	90
Claremont,	Uncertain.	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	66	158	224	51	2	2	4	7	8	1	16	0	3	145
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	30	47	77	19	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	75
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	18	28	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	110	134	244	119	6	4	10	4	3	0	7	3	0	170
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1831	S.S. Mar. 1850	16	27	43	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Wm. O. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854	S. S.	11	18	29	0	4	1	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	80
Langdon, 1st Ch.	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.	7	34	41	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	57
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	44	100	144	5	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	A. Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	S.S. Ap. 28, '61	35	53	88	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			8	15	23	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	41	67	108	39	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	50
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	87	151	238	54	0	1	1	2	3	1	6	0	7	150
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			4	16	20	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.	4	27	31	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	June 26, 1851	34	61	95	5	2	5	7	1	3	0	4	0	0	150
Total, 17.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 8. S. S., 6.			583	1073	1656	300	20	18	38	29	23	3	55	4	19	1503

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Prof., Hanover, ordained October 6, 1852; David Kimball, Printer, Hanover, ordained June 22, 1822; Elihu T. Rowe, Teacher, Meriden; Samuel G. Brown, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained October 6, 1852; Charles A. Aiken, Prof., Hanover; Clement Long, D. D., Prof., Hanover; William A. Packard, Prof., Hanover; Henry Fairbanks, Prof., Hanover; Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained December 27, 1820.

LICENTIATE. Cyrus S. Richards, Teacher, Meriden.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe*. RUFUS CASE, West Lebanon, *Statistical Scribe*.

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S. Sept.1,'60	59	129	188	59	0	0	0	6	3	0	9	0	0	150
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gray,	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S. Aug.1,'57	37	61	98	29	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	1	110
Epsom,	1761	A. B. Peffers,	1855	S. S., 1860	31	53	84	8	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	125
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			9	17	26	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	38
" Iron W'ks	Oct. 12, 1830	Vacant.			41	64	105	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	66
Loudon, 1st Ch.,	1789	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845	S.S. Oct.28,'60	22	49	71	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
Loudon, 2d Ch.,	Aug. 14, 1828	Vacant.			12	23	45	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	43
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	52	84	136	6	0	2	2	4	5	2	11	0	1	160
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S., 1858	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	Dec. 12, 1854	60	138	198	39	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	1	151
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 3.	Pastors, 2.	S. S., 5.	324	621	945	199	0	7	7	22	16	2	40	0	4	998

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, Pittsfield, ordained November 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Caswell, Bristol, ordained June 28, 1848; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817; E. H. Blanchard, Warwick, Mass.

J. A. HOOD, Pittsfield, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates.....	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	57	103	160	25	8	3	11	4	2	0	6	4	1	150
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	13	35	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	Edward F. Abbott.	.....	S. S.	10	34	44	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Francestown,.....	1773	Charles Cutler.....	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	99	188	287	49	2	6	8	13	5	0	18	2	4	410
Greenfield, Cong'l..	Nov. 20, 1839	Lyman Marshall...	Oct. 8, 1856	S.S. July, 1860	43	64	107	21	2	2	4	3	5	0	8	0	3	110
Greenfield, Evang'l	Jan. 7, 1834	D. Goodhue.....	May 2, 1848	S. S., 1860	54	58	112	42	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	93
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow....	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	63	93	156	20	1	3	4	5	1	0	6	1	0	220
Hillsboro' Bridge,..	May 29, 1839	H. Brickett.....	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1858	19	54	73	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	170
Hillsboro' Center,..	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams	.....	S. S.	22	38	60	12	5	0	5	1	6	0	7	0	5	65
Lyndeborough,.....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett.....	Sept. 30. 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	51	71	122	19	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	175
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell.....	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	56	115	171	23	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	0	3	215
Peterboro', Un'n Ev	April 21, 1858	George Dustan.....	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	31	63	94	0	0	10	10	3	1	0	4	0	1	180
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 6. S. S., 5.			518	916	1434	214	21	27	48	40	23	0	63	8	18	1938

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel McClenning, Bethlehem.

LICENTIATE. M. N. Root, Francestown.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe*. E. B. CLAGGETT, Lyndeborough, *Statistical Scribe*.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	2	13	8	2	2	12	0	329	655	984	84	18	10	23	16	8	2	26	5	24	1212
2. Derry & Man'r,	4	24	14	6	2	22	1	923	2055	2978	556	45	48	93	48	31	10	89	26	50	3692
3. Harmony,	5	12	3	4	3	10	0	200	448	648	120	6	7	13	12	2	0	14	3	6	856
4. Hollis,	3	15	12	0	5	17	2	897	2088	2985	585	12	41	53	45	75	14	134	7	20	3230
5. Hopkinton,	3	20	15	2	3	20	3	818	1690	2508	382	13	31	44	37	25	3	65	8	50	2712
6. Lancaster,	1	7	2	4	1	6	0	101	197	298	41	3	5	8	6	2	1	9	0	3	457
7. Monadnock,	3	24	10	12	2	24	0	567	1361	1928	334	45	36	81	36	38	3	77	20	35	2546
8. Orange,	2	11	4	5	2	11	5	397	895	1292	216	29	26	55	27	26	1	54	14	14	1444
9. Piscataqua,	2	26	18	6	3	27	1	742	1802	2544	349	33	29	62	39	44	2	85	19	43	3352
10. Sullivan,	2	17	9	5	11	25	1	583	1073	1656	300	20	18	38	29	23	3	55	4	19	1503
11. Suncook,	3	10	2	5	6	13	0	324	621	945	199	0	7	7	22	16	2	40	0	4	998
12. Union,	1	12	6	5	1	12	1	518	916	1434	214	21	27	48	40	23	0	63	8	18	1938
Total, 12.	31	191	103	56	41	199	14	6399	13801	20200	*3380	240	285	525	357	313	41	711	114	286	23940

*The absent members are not additional to *males* and *females*, as in the tables of previous years.

CONFERENCES.

Name.	Number of Churches, and Geographical Limits.	Place and Time of Meeting.	Assessments.	Officers.		Charities.	Local Expenditures.
				Clerks.	Treasurers.		
CHESHIRE.	Twenty-five churches in Cheshire County.	Jaffrey, on the second Wednesday of June, 1862.	$12 00	Rev. Ezra Adams, Gilsum.	Dea. Asa Duren, Keene.	$1,863 96	Meeting-house at Keene enlarged and repaired at an expense, including organ and furniture, of nearly $14,000.
GRAFTON.	Twenty-two churches in Grafton County.	Not organized.	10 00				
HILLSBOROUGH.	Thirty-four churches in Hillsboro' County.	Wilton, on the second Tuesday of June, 1862.	24 00	Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis.	Dea. J. A. Wheat, Nashua.	9,294 06 Legacies, 1,837 69 11,151 85	
LANCASTER.	Seven churches in Coos County united with churches in Vermont.		2 00				
MERRIMACK.*	Nineteen churches in Merrimack County.	Hopkinton, on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1862.	14 50	Rev. H. Merrill, Salisbury.	George Hutchins, Concord.	Not reported.	South church, Concord, has erected a beautiful edifice, at a cost, including the land, of $25,000; at Franklin, $1,000 expended in repairs of the meeting-house.
ROCKINGHAM.	Thirty-two churches in Rockingham Co.	Hampstead, on the second Tuesday of June, 1862.	18 00	Rev. W. Fifield, South-Newmarket.	Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter.	8,949 37	
STRAFFORD.	Twenty-eight churches in Carroll, Belknap, and Strafford Counties.	Laconia, on the second Tuesday of June 1862.	12 50	Rev. R. M. Sargent, Farmington.	Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover.	Not reported.	
SULLIVAN.	Thirteen churches in Sullivan County.	Cornish, on the third Tuesday of June, 1862.	7 00	Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Claremont.	Dea. N. W. Goddard. Claremont.	Not reported.	

*During the year, parsonages have been built, or repaired, in Franklin, Chichester, Salisbury, and Wilmot, at an expense, respectively, of $2,400, $1,800, $900, and $1,700.

REMARKS.

The returns which are printed in the preceding tables, embrace a period of twelve months, from July 1, 1860, to July 1, 1861. By a change in the arrangement, the absentees, who are reported in a column by themselves, are also included in the number of males and females; so that our tables now correspond with the order adopted by other ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in fellowship.

CHURCHES. The first and second churches in New-Ipswich were united on the 22d of January. We accordingly report 191 churches, one less than last year.

ASSOCIATIONS. Derry and Manchester Associations having united in one organization, we report only 12 Associations, which will explain the changes in their numerical standing.

MEMBERS. The whole number reported is 20,200. Additions—by profession, 240; by letter, 285; total, 525. Removals—by death, 357; by dismission, 313; by exclusion, 41; total, 711: a decrease of 183. By a comparison with the membership reported in 1860, which was 20,758, the decrease is 528. This large discrepancy is occasioned by neglecting to report the number of persons who are dropped from the church lists on the revision of catalogues. In such cases the members omitted should always be reported under the head of "excluded." This subject is distinctly mentioned in the directions prefixed to the blanks, which are sent annually to the churches. The larger portion of our churches furnish returns which are consistent with previous reports; shall not the membership of the remainder be reduced to a reliable basis without delay?

DEATHS. In the following list I insert the names of ministers once connected with churches in this State, with the date of their decease: viz., 1861, January 15, Rev. C. B. Haddock, D. D., at West Lebanon, aged 65 years; February 4, Rev. Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., at Hanover, aged 87 years; March 14, Rev. Broughton White, at Acworth, aged 88 years; March 22, Rev. Enos Merrill, at Orford, aged — years; March 25, Rev. Joshua Dodge, at Concord, aged 82 years; April 26, Rev. Winsor A. Smith, at Cincinnati, aged 46 years; May 4, Rev. John Woods, at Fitzwilliam, aged 76 years; May 13, Rev. John H. Merrill, at Hollis, aged 44 years; August 4, Rev. Abraham Jenkins, at Fitzwilliam, aged 50 years.

DISMISSIONS. August 15, 1860, Rev. W. A. Smith, from the church at Orford; October 15, Rev. S. C. Kendall, from the Congregational church at Milford; November 22, Rev. Nathaniel Lasell, from the First Congre-

gational church in Exeter; November 26, Rev. Silas M. Blanchard, from the church in Wentworth; December 19, Rev. Howard Moody, from the church in Canterbury; December 4, Rev. Samuel Lee, from the First church in New-Ipswich.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS. October 17, 1860, Rev. William L. Gage, over the North church in Portsmouth; November 22, Rev. Elias Nason, over the first Congregational church in Exeter; December 5, Rev. Daniel E. Adams, ordained pastor of the Second Congregational church in Wilton; December 17, Rev. Andrew Rankin, over the Congregational church in Danbury; 1861, January 20, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, over the Congregational church in Alton; January 29, Rev. J. A. Hamilton, ordained colleague pastor of Rev. Dr. Barstow, at Keene; February 18, Rev. William O. Carr, ordained evangelist, at Barnstead; February 20, Rev. Leonard S. Parker, over the First church in Derry; March 6, Rev. E. W. Cook, over the Congregational church in Hopkinton; May 1, Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Milford; May 23, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, over the First Congregational church in Great Falls; May 30, Rev. A. L. Marden, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Piermont.

CATALOGUE. I have endeavored to make the catalogue complete, and to give the post-office address of every minister connected with the Association up to the time of going to press. Unassociated ministers are printed whenever the name and address have come to my knowledge. The names of licentiates will be found appended to the Associations by which they are licensed.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The schools connected with our churches report an increase of 366 members. This gain on the last year is the more gratifying as several schools have reported only the average attendance. The whole number should be given, but with care to report only the names of scholars actually connected with the school; otherwise, transient pupils may be reported more than once.

CONFERENCES. The table, printed in connection with the "summary," will explain itself. I hope the treasurers of the several Conferences will enable me hereafter to publish, not only the sum total of their charities, but the amount contributed to each object; as Home Missionary, Bible cause, and the like. It would also be of interest to report what sums are expended in support of the local institutions of religion, with the cost of building or repairing houses of worship, chapels and parsonages. Annexed to the table is a brief statement of recent expenditures of this class.

I must again acknowledge my indebtedness to the Statistical Scribes and others, who have aided me by furnishing valuable materials. It would lighten the labor of preparing this record, if ministerial changes, deaths, dismissions and ordinations were forwarded directly to me, with names and dates accurately given.

J. G. DAVIS, *Statistical Secretary.*

Amherst, September 23, 1861.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott Edward F., Deering. 12.
Adams Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 7.
Adams John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover. 10.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Arms Josiah L., Wilmot. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 7.
Ayer F. D., Milford. 4.
Baldwin William O., Enfield. 10.
Barbour N., Sullivan. 7.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 8.
Barrows Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 7.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Blake Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 10.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 2.
Bradford Dana B., Salmon Falls. 9.
Bragg Jesse K., Harrisville. 7.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Bridge Henry M., Colebrook. 6.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Butterfield H. Q., Great Falls. 1.
Buxton Edward, Webster.
Carr W. O., Barnstead. 11.
Case Rufus, West Lebanon. 10.
Caswell Enoch H., Bristol. 11.
Chandler A., Lempster. 10.
Chapman Elias, Great Falls. 9.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett William, New-Alstead. 7.
Clark John, Plymouth. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Colby John, Hampton. 9.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 2.
Cook E. B., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Dinsmore John, North-Hampton. 9.
Doldt James, Milton. 8.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan Thomas W., Roxbury. 7.
Dustan George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Eldridge Erasmus D., Alton. 8.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks Henry, Hanover. 10.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fifield Winthrop, South-Newmarket. 9.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 4.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 10.
Gage William L., Portsmouth. 9.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 8.
Gerould Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Glidden K. B., Westmoreland. 7.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 12.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Hamilton J. A., Keene. 7.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2.
Hayward, Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.
Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 6.
Hills James D., Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood J. Augustine, Pittsfield. 11.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 7.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jaquith Andrew, Langdon. 10.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett John E. B., Jaffrey.
Jewett Leonard, Hollis.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 2.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 5.
Kellogg Erastus M., Nashua. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 10.
Kimball Reuben, North Conway. 8.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 8.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 9.
Lawrence John, Salem. 2.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 10.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 9.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.

Leeds Samuel P., Hanover. 10.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Long Clement, Hanover. 10.
Lord Charles E., 4.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 12.
McClenning Daniel, Bethlehem. 6.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 9.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 9.
Merrill Horatio, Salisbury. 5.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Morse Josiah, Northumberland. 6.
Nason Elias, Exeter. 9.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 2.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Ordway Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 9.
Packard William A., Hanover. 10.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page William, Atkinson. 9.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 9.
Park H. G., Walpole. 7.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parkinson Royal, Sandwich. 1.
Parsons Benjamin F., Dover. 9.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 5.
Peffers A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John M., Yarmouth, Me. 4.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 10.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.

Rankin Andrew, Danbury. 5.
Ray John W., Goffstown. 2.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 9.
Richardson Henry, Gilead, Me. 10
Riddell Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 9.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 5.
Smith Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stinson George W., Dalton. 6.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stow John M., Walpole. 7.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenny Erdix, Lyme. 8.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 2.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 9.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 9.
Townsend Luther, Fitzwilliam. 7.
Tufts J. B., Wakefield. 3.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 5.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 7.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb. March.
Merrimack, ...	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May.
Rockingham, ...	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., January.	Feb., March,	April, May}	June, July.
Hillsborough, ...	October, Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,.....	Dec., January,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.
Grafton and Coos, ...	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., January.

* Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
† Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education.
‡ Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

General Association of New-Hampshire,

HELD AT CONCORD, AUGUST, 1862.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1862.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Congregational

General Association of New-Hampshire,—

HELD AT CONCORD, AUGUST, 1862.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1862.

NOTICES FOR 1863.

Annual meeting at Haverhill, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon, to be appointed by the Monadnock Association.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Address to the churches, Rev. C. W. Wallace, and Rev. J. W. Ray, of Manchester.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Erdix Tenney, of Lyme, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, rule 7, sec. 4, Rev. Henry Cummings of Newport, Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, of Claremont, and Dea. David Chapin, of Newport.

Secretary, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled at the South Congregational Church, in Concord, on Tuesday, August 26, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, of Manchester, from Isaiah xxvi, 9.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair. The credentials of delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—James Boutwell, Charles Burnham.

Derry and Manchester—E. N. Hidden, James Holmes, C. W. Wallace, Ebenezer Newhall.

Harmony—Horace Wood.

Hollis—F. D. Ayer, A. W. Burnham, D. D., Wm. Clark.

Hopkinton—Corban Curtice, J. M. R. Eaton, A. M. Fiske, Lewis Goodrich.

Lancaster—Prescott Fay.

Monadnock—W. L. Gaylord, Jairus Ordway, S. L. Gerould.

Orange—Bezaleel Smith.

Piscataqua—A. Tobey, H. Q. Butterfield, G. W. Sargent.

Sullivan—J. Scales, A. Spaulding.

Union—J. H. Bates, Asahel Bigelow.

Suncook—J. A. Hood, A. B. Peffers.

White River—D. J. Noyes, D. D.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Benj. H. Fisher, Dea. C. P. Locke, Dea. Rufus Wilson, H. N. Fay.

Coös—Dea. Daniel G. Hutchinson.

Hillsborough—James Boyd, Dea. Joseph Kimball.

Merrimack—N. S. Sanborn, Enoch Little, Joseph B. Walker, Dea. Almon Harris.

Rockingham—Dea. C. M. French, Charles C. Parker.

Strafford—Orrin Folsom, Dea. Orrin Bugbee, J. H. Merrill.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

Connecticut—Rev. E. C. Baldwin.

Iowa—Rev. J. H. Windsor.

Massachusetts—Rev. Elihu Loomis.

New-Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. M. Buckley.

Wisconsin—Rev. S. J. Humphrey.

Rhode-Island—Rev. Leonard Swain, D. D.

Vermont—Rev. L. Tenney.

Maine—Rev. J. Q. Bittenger.

Presbyterian Church (N. S.)—Rev. Stephen Bush.

EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. J. G. Davis, Rev. H. E. Parker.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Moderator; Rev. Prescott Fay, Scribe; Rev. F. D. Ayer, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer offered by the Moderator.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. H. E. Parker, Rev. J. H. Bates, J. B. Walker, Esq.

Committee on Nominations—Rev. Jacob Scales, Rev. James Boutwell, Dea. C. P. Locke.

By vote of the Association, ministers and laymen present, belonging to the churches connected with this body, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Adjourned to 1½ o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Leonard S. Parker.

Letters from the General Association of New-York, General Association of Michigan, and New-Hampshire Baptist Con-

vention, were read by the Secretary, conveying their fraternal salutations.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Ray, in behalf of the committee, presented the narrative of the state of religion in the churches.

The report was followed by remarks from Rev. Messrs. Curtice, of Sanbornton Bridge, Peffers, of Epsom, and Pickett, of Wentworth, who gave accounts of revivals in their respective congregations.

Rev. M. Buckley, of the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. E. C. Baldwin, of the General Association of Connecticut, and Rev. E. Loomis, of the General Association of Massachusetts, presented the Christian salutations of the bodies which they represented.

The Association resumed business.

Voted, That, in the future meetings of the Association, an arrangement be made for a social interview, when practicable.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the names of Rev. Wm. Clark, for Auditor; of Rev. Henry Cummings, Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, and Dea. David Chapin, for Committee of Inquiry; of Rev. Erdix Tenney, and Rev. Prescott Fay, for Committee on Narratives, who were elected.

An inquiry being submitted to the Association, respecting the expediency of loaning the library of the Gilmanton Theological Institute to the Theological Seminary at Chicago, the subject was committed to Rev. C. W. Wallace, Rev. A. Tobey, and Rev. C. Curtice, with instructions to report at a subsequent session.

Voted, That the next annual meeting be held at Haverhill, that the Monadnock Association appoint the preacher of the opening sermon, and that Rev. Leonard S. Parker deliver the sermon before the Sacrament—substitute, Rev. S. P. Leeds.

Rev. Dr. Bouton read the report of the treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Rev. W. T. Savage, Rev. C. W. Wallace, and Rev. L. Tenney, of Vermont, were appointed a committee to report resolutions on the state of the country.

After singing, adjourned to 7 o'clock.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

General Association of New-Hampshire,

HELD AT CONCORD, AUGUST, 1862.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1862.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Congregational

General Association of New-Hampshire,—

HELD AT CONCORD, AUGUST, 1862.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1862.

NOTICES FOR 1863.

Annual meeting at Haverhill, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon, to be appointed by the Monadnock Association.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Address to the churches, Rev. C. W. Wallace, and Rev. J. W. Ray, of Manchester.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Erdix Tenney, of Lyme, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, rule 7, sec. 4, Rev. Henry Cummings of Newport, Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, of Claremont, and Dea. David Chapin, of Newport.

Secretary, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled at the South Congregational Church, in Concord, on Tuesday, August 26, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, of Manchester, from Isaiah xxvi, 9.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair. The credentials of delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—James Boutwell, Charles Burnham.

Derry and Manchester—E. N. Hidden, James Holmes, C. W. Wallace, Ebenezer Newhall.

Harmony—Horace Wood.

Hollis—F. D. Ayer, A. W. Burnham, D. D., Wm. Clark.

Hopkinton—Corban Curtice, J. M. R. Eaton, A. M. Fiske, Lewis Goodrich.

Lancaster—Prescott Fay.

Monadnock—W. L. Gaylord, Jairus Ordway, S. L. Gerould.

Orange—Bezaleel Smith.

Piscataqua—A. Tobey, H. Q. Butterfield, G. W. Sargent.

Sullivan—J. Scales, A. Spaulding.

Union—J. H. Bates, Asahel Bigelow.

Suncook—J. A. Hood, A. B. Peffers.

White River—D. J. Noyes, D. D.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Benj. H. Fisher, Dea. C. P. Locke, Dea. Rufus Wilson, H. N. Fay.

Coös—Dea. Daniel G. Hutchinson.

Hillsborough—James Boyd, Dea. Joseph Kimball.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

One important object in this convocation is to look over the interests of Zion in our State, and inquire of the watchmen "What of the night?" We are passing through scenes of stirring interest and of deep solemnity, as a nation. Our national life is assailed, and we are struggling to preserve it and to subdue the foe that so ruthlessly strikes at the nation's heart. And our inquiries for the condition of Zion is all the more important, because of this condition of affairs around us. We desire to know whether the people of God can pass through this furnace without the smell of fire upon them, or whether they shall be lured from their duty and their God, and made to prove indifferent or treacherous to Christ.

In glancing over the State, the first thing that claims our attention is the mortality among those called to stand on Zion's walls. Among these death has been somewhat busy. Although the "harvest is great and the laborers few," still death has been smiting the reapers. Two have fallen in the early period of their ministry. They had just fairly entered the conflict, with the armor buckled on, when they fell early victims to the power of the destroyer.

Four were called from the period of matured vigor. They had been sounding the alarm many years, and yet were not enfeebled by age. They were bearing the burden and heat of the day when the voice from on high was heard, saying "Give an account of thy stewardship." Two went to their rest in advanced age. They might lean upon the rod and staff of their heavenly father, for their steps were feeble by age, and they needed some arm for their support that never wearies and never grows old.

The first that died during the year was Rev. Abraham Jenkins, at Fitzwilliam, whose death was entered on the Minutes of last year.

The next was Rev. Clement Long, D. D., Professor at Dartmouth College. He died October 13, 1861, aged 54.

On the 18th of the same month died also Rev. William Page, aged 53. At the age of eighteen he became the subject of renewing grace. Very soon after he publicly consecrated himself to God, his thoughts were turned to the ministry as his field of labor, and he entered upon his preparation for the work. But his health failing, he was obliged to defer his preparation for several years. But he could not relinquish this pursuit. He closed his preparatory studies in 1839, and was ordained at Dracut,

Mass., where he labored two years. He was afterward installed over the church in Hudson, and labored there ten years. He was afterward pastor of the church in Salem, and supplied the church in Bath two years, when his labors were suspended on account of failing health. But although he returned to his native town (Atkinson), he could not be idle, but preached as he had opportunity till prostrated by his last sickness. He died in the full hope of a glorious immortality. Truly "he being dead yet speaketh." His biographer says of him, that he "was a judicious, sober, calm and good man. As a minister he was sound in doctrine, serious in manner, pure in life. He won the confidence of all who knew him, and his preaching was not in vain." The Association of which he was a member say of him, "that in the death of this brother in the ministry the Association feel that they have lost a kind, genial, christian companion, and an affectionate, devoted brother."

On the 23d of December death also bore away Rev. Henry M. Bridge, at Colebrook, aged 38. He was the subject of early religious impressions, but was not hopefully converted till about the age of 17, when he united with the Methodist Church. He soon after felt himself called to prepare to preach the gospel. He was licensed by the Methodists in 1844 as a local preacher. But he soon after found his views leaning toward Congregationalism. In February, 1852, he was regularly dismissed from the Methodist Conference, with a view of joining the Congregationalists, which he did soon after. He labored for some time in Massachusetts, but went to Minnesota in hopes of improvement in his health. Here he remained and preached very acceptably and successfully until finding his labors too severe for his physical strength he accepted an invitation from the church in Colebrook, New-Hampshire, to become their pastor. He entered upon his labors in April, 1860, under circumstances that gave very great promise of good, but his health soon failed. Consumption had laid its grasp upon him and he lingered for a few months and went to his rest. "As a preacher, he was solemn and instructive; as a pastor, kind and sympathetic; as a christian, his piety was deep, uniform and benevolent. As death approached his language was

> 'Jesus can make a dying bed
> Feel soft as downy pillows are.' "

When unable to speak he was asked if all was well, if Jesus was all to him, to raise his hand. That poor, emaciated hand was once more lifted in testimony for the Lord, and thus he fell asleep in Jesus.

On the twenty-third of the same month, Rev. Luther B. Whittemore, of Orfordville, was called away. In the absence of any account of his early life, we learn that his death was sudden. His memory is cherished with mingled emotions of respect and affection by his brethren, who bear witness to his devotion and self-sacrifice, and to his determination to serve Christ to the end of life, and "die with the harness on."

Rev. Leonard Jewett, who retired from the active duties of the ministry,

has slept with the fathers at the advanced age of 74. He enjoyed the privilege of making his own way in early life, and his opportunities of education were the price of personal toil. He first labored in the ministry as a missionary in New-York, where he laid the foundation for the infirmities of his subsequent life. After some travel and relaxation he was settled at Temple, New-Hampshire, where he labored as a pastor for eleven years. His labors were blessed to the spiritual prosperity of the church and people, and he retired from this field only on account of failing health. He returned to his native town, where he spent the remainder of his days as an efficient coöperator with his pastor in every good work. And here in peace he went to his rest February 16, 1862.

Rev. Luther Townsend died February 9, 1862, aged 48. His birthplace was Fitzwilliam. He made a public profession of religion when 19 years of age. His attention was soon turned to the ministry. Having fitted himself for his work by a course of liberal culture he was ordained at Troy, near his native place. His pastor remarked at his ordination that he need not seek a distant place of labor for fear that a knowledge of his youthful errors should follow him. He was dismissed from the church in Troy, after laboring fifteen years. He afterward preached at Loudon about a year, under the disadvantages of impaired health. He then returned to his native place to die. He was distinguished for the blamelessness of his life. In this way he adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour. He was interested in the young and labored for their good in the Sabbath School and in all other appropriate ways. As a preacher he was faithful to instruct and admonish with all long-suffering and doctrine from a desire to benefit his hearers. His last days were fearless. Shortly before his departure he bade all his friends farewell. When asked if he was happy and felt peace in his soul, he said "yes, peace, peace." His frequent exclamations amidst his extreme sufferings were, "bliss, glorious, glorious!" with others of like import. He felt assured that he was entering on his reward.

April 10th died Rev. E. H. Barstow, aged 45 years. Mr. Barstow graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839, and pursued his theological studies at Andover, Mass., and after teaching several years was settled at Walpole in 1845, and dismissed 1851. He then resumed his labors as a teacher at Newton, Mass. He was a man of culture and ability, and of a genial spirit.

On the 9th of May died Rev. Winthrop Fifield, aged 56. He was born in Salisbury, now Franklin. While studying medicine he became a hopeful convert to Christ. He became established as a physician at Pittsfield, but soon relinquished the profession for the ministry. Having completed his preparation for the work, he was ordained at Epsom, in May, 1837. He labored here with marked success for nine and a half years, during which time forty-nine were added to the church, mostly by profession. He afterward labored about five years at East Concord, and, in 1852, went

to South-Newmarket, where he continued his labors till they were closed by death. As a citizen he was public spirited, interested in every thing that would benefit the community. He was an active temperance man. He was long engaged in the anti-slavery cause, laboring to prepare the way for the bondman to go free. As a christian he was humble, prayerful, steadfast. As a preacher, he was plain, practical, earnest. As a pastor, he was social, sympathetic and laborious. He was often at the bedside of the sick to speak words of counsel and comfort. His health always feeble, gradually failed toward the end of his life, so that he was looking for his death and making definite arrangements in reference to it. And when he neared the end of his race, he found Christ precious. The Gospel he had preached afforded him support, and his views of the future grew brighter as he entered the valley. He spake words of parting to all his family and friends present, and after this, he seemed absorbed in the bliss of the future. And just before he departed, with his emaciated hands raised, he uttered the words, "Glory! glory! glory!" Thus passed another who had lived to persuade men to become reconciled to God.

In July, Rev. Albert Perry died at New-Ipswich, his native place. He received his elementary education at the Academy in his own town, and his theological at Andover, Mass. His ministerial labor was performed in Massachusetts, where he earned for himself the reputation of a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was summoned away after having labored but a few years, but he went to his rest in peace.

Also, Rev. James Hobart, of Berlin, Vt., died at the advanced age of 95 years 11 months and 16 days. He was a native of Plymouth, this State, and a graduate of Dartmouth College. He performed much missionary labor in destitute portions of New-Hampshire, and among our feeble churches. He was settled at Berlin, Vt., for many years, and after his dismissal, he preached in many different places in northern New-Hampshire and Vermont. He was peculiarly adapted to "strengthen the things that remain," and many a church that had become feeble, was greatly helped by his judicious and effective labors. It became somewhat proverbial, that if a church was especially enfeebled, that "Father Hobart" must be sent for; and usually increase of strength and new life were the result. He labored as he had opportunity, not only in public but in private, and many souls were guided by him to Christ, and many despondings ones were cheered by his presence and his counsels. And after a long life of service he has gone to his reward.

Thus closes our record of the departed. The laborers are passing away, but we have most gratifying evidence that they are entering upon a more glorious state, and into a more excellent service. And a voice comes from the graves of these brethren charging the living to "be faithful unto death," that they may receive a crown of life. Truly it must be a glorious blessing to pass from the vineyard of the Master, at the close of day, to rest in a mansion prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

PASTORAL LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—In closing the narrative of the state of religion, read at the last meeting of this Association, the committee say: "Brethren, a great calamity has befallen our beloved country, through the deep shadow of which we are now passing; while, therefore, God's "judgments are abroad in the land, may the inhabitants thereof learn righteousness." Since then a year has elapsed, and this shadow, instead of being lifted, has settled deeper and denser, and earthward, its gloom now rests on all our prospects as a nation. In one quarter only is there any light, and that light, like the "pillar of fire," if followed with unwavering confidence, will conduct us safely through this "red sea" of rebellion and enable us at length to shout, "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and the rider hath he cast into the sea." But to secure the needful divine aid, the lessons of the past year must be deeply pondered and impressed on all our hearts.

The first of which is, That human wisdom and physical force, without God's blessing, is a source of weakness, not strength. This the events of the year teach, this the history of the world confirms. It is illustrated by almost every page, both of sacred and profane history. It stands out in bold relief in the present sad condition of the nation—in the waste of our treasures; in the partial successes and inglorious defeats of our armies; in the destruction of life by disease and battle; and in the fearful uncertainty which clouds the future. While we have, as we ought, put forth our energies and mustered our forces, and expended our treasures, we have been shown that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." God, by his providence, has confirmed the declaration, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Much, very much has been said of the numbers of our population; of the vastness of our resources; of the wisdom of our statesmen; of the courage and discipline of our land and naval forces; and of the certainty of our triumph in the end; while far too little has been thought of the utter inefficiency of such things, unless we secure the approbation and aid of Him, before whom "all nations are less than the light dust of the balance." Abstractly, our course may be just, and we may combine all the elements of a successful prosecution of it; and yet, unless God stamps it with the seal of his favor, our defeat will be more disastrous, and our ruin more complete. For "there is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the Lord." Left to ourselves, we may add one more, and that the most signal example of a people that perished "because they had forgotten God, and lightly esteemed the rock of their salvation." It is time, then, to lay aside our

boasting; to humble our pride, and mortify our vanity, and confess in deep self-abasement, our entire dependence on Him who "saves neither by many nor by few." The lessons of the past year teach us, that to secure God's blessing, there must be,

Second, Both individual and national repentance. God has a controversy with us, both individually and nationally. We have sinned as individuals, and we have sinned as a nation. The church, also, is deeply implicated in the guilt of the nation. Nor is this a time for crimination and recrimination. Hard names and abusive epithets will not adjust the degrees of wrong, nor balance the account of guilt. Repentance, therefore, like "charity, should begin at home." We should all "mourn apart," every one over his personal sins. It will not do to say that we have no personal sins that excite the displeasure of God, because there are some flagrant national wrongs against which we have earnestly protested, and honestly sought to remove. This may be true, and yet there may be personal sins cleaving to us, which, like the "wedge of gold, and goodly Babylonish garment" in the tent of Achan, may prevent the success of our armies on the distant battle-field, or foil the wisdom of our statesmen in the Cabinet, or in the halls of Congress. The members of Christ's church, when they engage in a good cause, should have clean hands and pure hearts. It is easy to call down fire from heaven on those whom we oppose and thus satisfy our conscience, while we combat sin in others in the very worst spirit of evil, and even while there are sins in which we habitually indulge that makes God say of all our prayers and all our sacrifices, "it is abomination unto me." God does not need us, but we can not do without him. We have need then to repent of our pride, our vanity, our covetousness, our selfishness, our self-indulgence, and our neglect of our social and public duties.

Nor is there a public or national wrong in which we are not in some way implicated, either by our aid, or our connivance, or our indifference. The Sabbath breaking, the intemperance, the profanity, the licentiousness, the avarice, the pride and luxury, and oppressions of the times, have not been as earnestly and energetically opposed by us, as the good of our fellow men demanded. We have withheld from the cause of Christ, and the cause of humanity "more than is meet, and it has tended only to poverty." Our piety has been too much a gilded show, and much of our civilization only a sugar-coated iniquity. The virtues which sweeten social intercourse, have not been duly cherished. We have become gregarious more than social—delighting in crowds, in noise, and show, and parade, and fashionable display, while the homely qualities which make us God-like and Christ-like, have been ignored and slighted. We have prized and honored men, more on account of their wealth, their trappings, their titles, and their positions, than for their moral worth and usefulness. Hence God has cast down our idols, wasted our riches, and made us drink the dregs of the bitter cup we ourselves have mingled. Let us fear, then,

lest he who stands in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, shall say to us, as of old, "So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent." The lessons of the past year teach us,

Third, Our need of more earnest, believing prayer. True penitence is always followed by true prayer. The one is the correlative of the other. It is the first exercise of the regenerate soul; it is the last aspiration of the believing spirit. The times demand much more than the forms and feelings of ordinary occasions. We have reached a crisis, when, if God does not hear us, and aid us, "and that right early," our all is lost. All we have that is precious, of earthly good, is now at stake. The life of the nation is struck at. We stand on the brink of a precipice, and an awful gulf now yawns beneath our feet. Nor is there any time to be wasted. If God does not speedily interpose, and open a way through this "sea of trouble," then this nation will soon be numbered among those that perished because they "knew not the things that belonged to their peace." Seize, then, this golden hour of merciful delay, and with one voice and one heart let all, both ministers and people, cry with holy importunity, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage over to reproach." In such an hour and in such a day as this, can the Christians of this land want incentives for deep, fervent, importunate prayer. Think, brethren, of our glorious Union broken up by the hands of perjured traitors; of our constitution and laws trampled in the dust by rebels in arms; of our land "drenched in fraternal blood"; of "states discordant, belligerent"; of our fathers, and sons, and brothers, exposed to danger and death on distant battle-fields; of the thousands of widows and orphans, mourning with broken hearts for those who will never more return to their embraces; of the millions of bondmen, whose bondage will be tenfold more bitter and hopeless; think of the disastrous future which awaits our beloved country if this rebellion be not put down, and this union restored; and then, in your private devotions, in your morning and evening worship at the family altar, and in all your public assemblies, on week days and on the Sabbath, let the cry of devout, penitent, believing hearts, so pierce the heavens, that He who is gracious and full of compassion, shall turn from his just indignation, and say to the angel of death, "It is enough, stay now thine hand." The lessons of the year teach us,

Fourth, The need of larger sacrifices, and greater personal efforts. We in the loyal states have scarcely begun to realize what it is to make sacrifices and efforts in behalf of our beloved country, except where friends and relatives have enlisted, or loved ones have died, struck down in battle, or by disease; none of our personal comforts have been abridged, nor has our personal safety been endangered. We have indulged in our usual

habits; there has been no change in our diet or our wardrobes; we have forgone none of the elegancies and pleasures of life; nor have we put forth any exertions which have tasked the hand or the mind. But times have now come, which call for much more than this—times which will call out whatever there is in us of loyalty, both to God and man—times that will test our piety, as well as our courage and love of country. Be ready, then, brethren, to meet these times, and even to go before them. Wait not to be urged, and coaxed, and persuaded. Above all, wait not to be coerced by the strong arm of law, nor the stern voice of public opinion. Let your loyalty be as spontaneous in its sacrifices and efforts in behalf of your country, as is the love of a mother for the dear objects of maternal affection. Look upon your country as the beneficent mother on whose maternal bosom you have been fostered, and in whose weal or woe is bound up all you hold dear and precious on earth. If you have wealth, give it; if you have talent, use it; if you have sons, devote them to the service of your country. If you have youth, and health, and strength, consecrate them to the same service, either in the camp or in manual labor at home. Let our women also imitate the daughters of the revolution, and forego, for a season, all unnecessary expenditure of person, of mansion, or of table. "Let the maid lay aside her ornaments, and the bride her attire." Yea, if need be, let not the land lie untilled, nor the crops remain ungarnered, while your husbands, and sons, and brothers, and lovers, are "jeopardizing their lives unto the death, for your sakes, in the high places of the field." Imitate the example of Ruth, the gleaner in the fields, and like her, your self-sacrifice and self-devotion may be as richly rewarded.

If this crisis is rightly improved and we prove ourselves equal to it, then will our present trial, dark as it now appears, be the occasion of the growth and development of the highest and noblest manly and Christian virtues. It is related, that in Germany there stood two vast towers far apart on the extremes of a castle, and that the old Baron to whom the castle belonged, under the influence of some fantastic feeling, stretched hugh wires across from one to the other, thus constructing an æolian harp. Ordinary winds produced no effect upon it; but when fierce storms and mighty winds roused themselves, and came rushing down the sides of the mountains, and through the valleys, and hurled themselves against those wires, then they would roll out majestic strains of music. Then were heard the grand symphonies of nature, when the chords are swept by the hand of the Almighty. Even so is it with many of the chords of religion and patriotism in the human soul; they are untouched in times of prosperity and peace, when fanned by balmy zephyrs, and gentle gales, and regaled by perfumes; but when God plays upon them with violent tempests that bring trouble and suffering and danger and death, then the deeper tones of our nature sound forth. And we have come to those times now, when men's souls are being touched by the Spirit and finger of God.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1861.		*Cr.*	
Sept. 13.	By balance of last year's account,.....	$22.97	
Oct. 21.	Minutes sold,.....	.25	
Nov.	Arrears, taxes of Hollis, Union and Derry Associations, ...	9.00	
1862.			
July.	Arrears, taxes of Hopkinton and Manchester Associations,.....	10.50	
June 3.	Assessment of Merrimack Conference, in part,..	9.00	
Aug.	Assessments of six Conferences, in full,.....	75.50	
			$127.22
1861.		*Dr.*	
Nov. 1.	Freight, wrapping and postage of Minutes,.....	$7.60	
Dec. 19.	Express archives from Laconia,.....	.63	
1862.			
June 21.	McFarland & Jenks' bill, printing 600 copies Minutes, ...	80.00	
Sept. 12.	Postages and stationery of Secretary and Treasurer to this date,.....	3.97	
Sept. 12.	Balance in Treasury,.....	35.02	
			$127.22

A balance of assessment, five dollars and a half ($5.50), is due from Merrimack Conference. Nothing has been paid by the ministers or churches in Grafton County to meet the expenses of the General Association during the year now closed. Assessments for 1853 will be found in the table of Conferences.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Amherst, Sept. 12, 1862.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. J. G. Davis, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire General Association, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, Sept. 12, 1862.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was held at the office of the Secretary, James Moulton, Jr., June 4, 1862.

The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted.

Elected Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson a Trustee in place of Rev. John M. Putnam, removed from the State.

Elected Joseph B. Walker, Esq., a Trustee in place of Rev. J. G. Davis, declined.

Elected Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, President.
" JAMES MOULTON, Jr., Secretary.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.
" Rev. NATH'L BOUTON, JAMES MOULTON, Jr., SHADRACH SEAVEY, } Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, June 4, 1862,

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars each, be appropriated and paid the following persons, for the current year, from the funds of the Corporation: viz.,

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough: (*Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns—not taken*;) Mrs. S. B. M. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill, North Wolfborough.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: viz., one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrines contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding

meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a Moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to this 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the Scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor and make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDING. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing

the narrative of the state of religion, and addresses and statements on the same subject. After which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses, respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and followed by the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union, and such other societies as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. The Association shall give place for two hours, if necessary, to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: viz., Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the

Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Association and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,.....	1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	5	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Campton,.....	1774	J. B. Hadley.....	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	29	49	78	22	2	2	4	5	0	0	5	0	4	160
Center-Harbor,.....	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson.....	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	21	35	56	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	60
Danbury,*.....	1800	Vacant.	.....	.....	35	44	79	10	2	4	6	3	3	0	6	0	0	85
Gilmanton Center,..	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake.....	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1862	44	67	111	25	2	0	2	6	1	0	7	0	0	75
Groton, }	Nov. 9, 1803	Liba Conant.....	March 29, 1833	S. S.	14	16	30	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Hebron, }	1779				11	28	39	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	3	100
Laconia,.....	July 6, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	52	124	176	35	8	3	11	4	2	0	6	5	1	156
Meredith,.....	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham..	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	18	44	62	6	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	75
Plymouth,.....	1765	Vacant.	.....	.....	33	104	137	32	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	2	130
Sanbornton,.....	1771	J. Boutwell.....	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1862	45	90	135	15	3	0	3	4	4	0	8	1	2	150
Sandwich,.....	Aug., 1814	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	29	39	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Thornton,.....		Vacant.	.....	.....	7	8	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 6.	S. S., 1.	322	643	965	187	30	13	43	29	12	0	41	7	17	1,075

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ordained Nov. 13, 1806; John Clark, Bridgewater, ordained 1835; William R. Jewett, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 18, 1837.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr. Let.		Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson, Cong....	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page.....	Sept. 1835	S. S.	26	58	84	20	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	1	110
Auburn, Cong.....	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes.....	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	25	44	69	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Bedford, Pres.....	1750	Thomas Savage....	1822	1826	50	100	150	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	5	175
Candia, Cong.....	1770	Ephraim N. Hidden	1841	Nov. 2, 1859	86	141	227	34	2	6	3	3	1	0	4	1	0	200
Chester, Cong.....	Oct. 21, 1731	Vacant.	.....	.....	56	129	185	30	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	2	180
Deerfield, Cong....	1766	U. W. Condit.....	1850	1855	45	74	119	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Derry, 1st Ch.....	1749	Leonard S. Parker.	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	68	131	199	47	2	5	7	3	5	0	8	1	2	205
Derry, 1st *Cong.Ch.*	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons.....	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	31	101	132	11	2	9	11	4	3	0	7	1	0	140
Dunbarton, Cong...	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	41	72	113	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	173
Goffstown, ...	1801	J. W. Ray.....	Jan. 1858	S. S. 1857	42	93	135	36	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	1	2	253
Hampstead, Cong..	June 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt..	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	21	63	84	8	2	3	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	120
Hooksett, Cong....	1828	M. Leffingwell.....	July 7, 1844	S. S. 1860	11	30	41	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Hudson, Cong.....	Sept. 9, 1841	.....	Licentiate.	.....	10	36	46	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	37
Litchfield, Pres....	Reorg. 1844	E. Newhall.....	Jan. 1824	Sept. 1854	4	14	18	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	20
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House....	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	64	122	986	35	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	175
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace.....	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	111	294	405	93	7	14	21	3	9	0	12	6	1	*491
Franklin St. Ch..	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn.....	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	60	101	161	70	12	11	23	4	5	2	11	10	0	350
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	11	31	42	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Presbyterian Ch..	Nov. 9, 1859	Geo. A. Bowman..	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S. 1859	5	16	21	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
Merrimack, 1st Ch..	1771	E. J. Hart.....	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	54	102	156	26	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	3	202
Pelham, 1st Ch.....	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry....	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	60	84	16	2	2	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	....
Plaistow, & N. Hav.	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows....	June 1, 1836	S. S. 1859	25	59	84	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	80
Salem, Cong.....	1740	J. W. Tarlton.....	1851	S. S.	20	50	70	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Windham, Pres....	1742	Loren Thayer.....	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	40	76	116	13	1	0	1	8	0	0	8	0	6	200
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 6.			930	1997	2927	552	38	55	93	60	33	2	95	27	27	3546

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained Feb. 7, 1816. Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent N. H. Bible Society.

LICENTIATE. Lucien H. Adams, Derry.

THEODORE C. PRATT, Hampstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*Mission School, 60=551.

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7. 1827	E. D. Eldredge.	April 4, 1838	Jan. 24, 1861	9	28	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	147
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S.S. Feb. 1, '56	25	69	94	13	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	188
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			7	20	27	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Sept. 26, 1845	S.S. May 22, '48	21	66	87	3	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	175
Moultonboro', 1st.	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			8	21	29	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Moultonboro', 2d.	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.	Declined reporting.		..	..	..	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, '48	27	44	71	13	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	70
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddel.	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15. 1860	54	97	151	26	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	175
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	9	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wakefield,	1785	J. B. Tufts.		S.S. Apr. 1, '61	11	29	40	12	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	75
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood	1840	S.S. Jan., 1859	19	41	60	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70
Wolfboro' North.		Vacant.			6	15	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 2. S. S., 5.			190	489	679	93	9	12	21	9	2	1	12	4	3	975

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe.* SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Tamworth, *Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis.	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	69	148	217	22	3	1	4	8	4	0	12	1	3	180
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin.	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	27	39	66	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	145
Hollis,	Before 1743	P. B. Day.	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	80	145	225	21	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	1	265
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	D. Goodwin.	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	47	63	110	22	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	140
Mason 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	G. E. Fisher.	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	39	86	125	41	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	0	1	101
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			11	24	35	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer.	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	76	102	278	48	5	8	13	2	6	0	8	3	2	415
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	C. J. Hill.	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	95	353	448	102	3	5	8	5	2	0	7	2	6	654
Olive Street Ch.	Oct. 26, 1834	A. Richards, D. D.†	Nov. 7, 1857	April 6, 1836	105	329	434	190	0	0	0	8	4	0	12	0	0	285
Pearl Street Ch.	Sept. 3, 1846	B. F. Parsons.	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	50	139	189	34	0	3	3	3	4	0	7	0	1	235
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler.	March 12, 1862	March 12, 1862	86	165	251	25	0	0	0	6	2	1	9	0	0	185
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	G. E. Sanborne.	Jan. 1, 1857	April 2, 1862	38	95	133	29	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	180
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham.	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	82	126	208	9	2	3	5	4	4	0	8	2	12	291
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	G. Goodyear.	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	39	71	100	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	140
Wilton, 2d Ch.	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams.	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	45	85	130	23	2	3	5	2	2	0	4	0	1	165
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 15.			879	2070	2949	603	17	30	47	52	33	1	86	8	31	3446

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; William Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; E. M. Kellogg, ordained Oct. 26, 1842, Barre, Mass.

† Colleague, Gustavus D. Pike, ordained and installed April 23, 1862.

LICENTIATES. M. H. Stearns, Edward E. Herrick.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe.* CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe.*

* This Association was organized May 5, 1762. The Hundredth Anniversary was commemorated by appropriate public services, at Hollis, on the 6th of May: the discourse and memorials of deceased members, prepared for the occasion, have been published.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	A. Smith	July 9, 1850	June 15, 1853	57	99	156	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	125
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	13	30	43	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	29	58	87	5	10	2	12	2	2	0	4	9	1	100
Canterbury,	About 1760	H. Moody	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S.	40	50	90	21	0	1	1	5	1	0	6	0	2	75
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	62	173	235	36	2	3	5	5	4	0	9	1	1	180
Concord, East	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	31	70	101	22	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	2	*132
Concord, South	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	105	212	317	44	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	430
Concord, West	April 22, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June 1828	April 23, 1833	63	127	190	31	0	3	3	2	6	0	8	0	0	160
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	A. W. Fiske	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	28	63	91	7	1	4	5	5	0	0	5	1	0	179
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	42	95	137	41	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	*210
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	47	119	166	37	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	2	*300
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	16	23	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	60
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. B. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	74	104	178	25	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	110
Northfield & S. Br.	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	54	131	185	40	32	4	36	2	1	0	3	21	3	180
Pembroke,	March 12, 1808	Lewis Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	41	92	133	27	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	2	198
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	H. Merrill	May 7, 1845	March 17, 1858	23	52	75	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	D. Warren	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	25	68	88	7	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	72
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	63	90	153	29	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	5	193
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	J. L. Arms	June 25, 1846	Nov. 10, 1859	18	31	49	7	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	78
Total, 20.		Vacant Churches, 3.	Pastors, 15.	S. S., 2.	825	1682	2507	486	55	22	77	42	35	1	78	35	20	2862

WITHOUT CHARGE. William Patrick, Boscawen, ordained Oct. 26, 1808; Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained Sept. 26, 1804; Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained (when?).

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, Webster, October 19, 1858; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, October 19, 1858; Samuel H. Amsden, Hill, May 14, 1861.

E. O. JAMESON, Concord, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* Including Branch Schools

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	1802	D. McClenning.	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	9	21	30	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80
Colebrook,	Nov. 30, 1802	Vacant.			17	32	49	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	85
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Geo. W. Stinson		S. S.,	9	24	33	6	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
Franconia,	1814	D. McClenning.	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	6	13	19	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	120
Gorham,	March 18, 1862	Geo. F. Tewksbury		S. S.,	7	21	28	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	65
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1830	Prescott Fay	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	39	91	130	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	125
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
W. Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Jos. B. Hill.	Aug. 1830	S. S.,	14	24	38	11	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	55
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			101	231	332	38	7	8	15	9	2	0	11	8	3	652

HOSEA ALDRICH, Esq., Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Daniel Sawyer	May 13, 1846	S. S., 1860	18	33	51	24	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	56
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S., 1860	4	14	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	40
Alstead, New	1788	William Claggett	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S., 1861	31	57	88	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	1	80
Chesterfield,	1777	Jeffries Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S., 1858	8	33	41	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Dublin,	1827	Oscar Bissell	May 14, 1856	S. S., 1861	8	23	31	14	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	40
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	50	107	157	11	8	5	13	4	1	0	5	2	5	225
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams	April 28, 1840	March 19, 1851	15	27	42	2	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	1	90
Harrisville,	1840	Vacant.			13	30	43	20	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	152
Hinsdale,	1821	Moses H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	43	78	121	11	4	3	7	1	1	0	2	2	4	100
Jaffrey,	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	31	83	114	30	6	1	7	3	2	0	5	0	3	150
Jaffrey, East	1850	F. D. Austin	June 23, 1853	S. S., 1857	19	49	68	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	96
Keene,	1788	Z. S. Barstow, D. D. / J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 / Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818 / Jan. 29, 1861	71	252	323	11	15	2	17	4	7	0	11	3	4	455
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S., 1840	25	71	96	25	2	3	5	3	2	0	5	1	2	150
Nelson,	1781	Jairus Ordway	April 26, 1848	S. S., 1861	32	56	88	26	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	175
Roxbury,	1816	Vacant.			5	12	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Stoddard,	1787	Samuel L. Gerould	Oct. 2, 1861	Oct. 2, 1861	7	33	40	6	4	3	7	1	7	2	10	3	1	72
Sullivan,	1792	Nelson Barbour	Dec. 1836	S. S., 1861	29	46	75	14	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	2	125
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	21	47	68	10	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	145
Surry,	1769	Vacant.			3	11	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Troy,	1815	Vacant.			21	38	59	17	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	50
Walpole,	1761	John M. Stow	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	18	73	91	7	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	148
Westmoreland,	1764	K. B. Glidden	June 1860	S. S., 1860	30	70	100	18	16	3	19	1	1	0	2	11	2	90
" Evan.	1853	Vacant.			6	15	21	6	8	0	8	1	1	0	2	0	0	30
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	62	110	172	40	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	3	0	260
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 10. S. S., 10.			570	1368	1938	330	69	33	102	40	35	5	80	28	28	2865

WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1831.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe*. JOHN M. STOW, Walpole, *Statistical Scribe*.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1778	Wm. R. Joslyn	Lic.		31	96	127	36	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	150
Canaan,	1803	Moses Gerould	May 1828	S. S.,	7	23	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Dorchester	May 20, 1828	Vacant.			7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	58	132	190	39	5	3	8	3	1	0	4	2	1	178
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	B. Smith		S. S.,	32	68	100	26	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Lyme, Cong. & Pres.	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	125	223	348	34	0	4	4	8	7	0	15	0	3	212
Littleton	1803	Charles E. Milliken	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	92	126	16	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	190
Orford, West	April 30, 1822	M. T. Runnells	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.,	27	48	69	15	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	150
Orford, Union	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant.			21	57	78	23	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	61
Piermont,	March 10, 1808	A. L. Marden	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	53	86	139	18	7	1	8	0	1	0	1	4	0	128
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	J. W. Pickett	Jan. 1862	S. S.,	17	53	70	8	18	7	25	1	0	0	0	11	0	300
Total, 11.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 4. S. S., 5.			406	891	1297	219	34	19	53	20	14	0	34	20	4	1509

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; S. M. Blanchard, Wentworth, ordained October 27, 1858.

LICENTIATE. William R. Joslyn, Bath.

JOHN D. EMERSON, Haverhill, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1755	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S. Sept. 1859	15	37	52	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	120
Brentwood,	Reorg. 1756	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	20	48	68	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
Dover, 1st Ch.	Jan. 1, 1639	E. H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	54	196	250	35	1	0	1	4	9	3	16	1	0	281
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	James B. Thornton	June 4, 1851	S. S. Dec. 1861	14	50	64	18	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	109
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	51	63	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	135
Exeter, 1st Ch.	1638; R. 1698	Elias Nason,	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	45	125	170	35	0	0	0	3	3	2	8	0	0	187
Exeter, 2d Ch.	Jan. 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	36	107	143	5	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	0	273
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S.Ju.6, 1851	15	22	37	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	113
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	9	31	40	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	6	102
Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	45	127	172	17	3	23	26	0	5	0	5	1	2	300
Greenland,	July 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	51	66	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Hampton,	1638	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	66	137	203	24	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	137
H. Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	13	25	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	19	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	11	37	48	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	100
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	30	39	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	182
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	George D. Blodgett,	May 8, 1862	April 25, 1861	24	42	66	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	Vacant.	.....	.....	64	101	165	26	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	197
Portsmouth,	1671	William L. Gage,	Oct. 17, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	75	227	302	55	1	1	2	7	3	0	10	0	4	225
Raymond,	1791	George W. Sargent,	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	68	91	159	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	135
Rochester,	1737	James M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	22	99	121	0	3	1	4	3	2	0	3	2	1	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	27	75	102	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	66	82	51	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	50
South-Newmarket,	1730	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	17	27	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles,	June 28, 1860	June 28, 1860	15	36	51	8	9	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	80
Total, 25.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 16. S. S., 4.			701	1835	2536	345	23	34	57	38	32	5	75	7	19	3286

Sabbath Schools in Fremont, Newington and Lee, 206. Total, 3492

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840,—preaches in Fremont; Sabbath School, 58. John LeBosquet, ordained Sept. 21, 1836,—preaches at Newington; Sabbath School, 68.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore,—preaches at Lee; Sabbath School, 80.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	March 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	64	105	169	23	0	4	4	4	1	0	5	0	1	150
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	S. G. Tenney,		S. S.,	6	30	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Claremont,	1780	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	66	145	211	50	3	2	5	5	4	0	9	0	3	155
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spalding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	17	30	47	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	76
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	18	28	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dartmouth College	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	110	137	247	122	9	7	16	5	8	0	13	6	3	85
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			13	23	36	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	30
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	J. M. Lord,		1851	S. S.,	11	19	30	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.,	7	32	39	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	55
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	48	102	150	4	0	10	10	2	2	0	4	0	0	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Augustus Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	S.S.Ap'l28.'61	35	56	91	23	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	60
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			12	17	29	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	41	68	109	40	4	1	5	1	3	0	4	0	1	112
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	85	151	236	58	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	200
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			4	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.,	4	24	28	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Vacant.			32	45	77	2	1	5	6	2	5	0	7	1	0	120
Total, 17.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 7.	S. S., 5.	565	1016	1581	408	20	30	50	25	30	0	58	10	10	1406

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Prof., Hanover, ordained Oct. 6, 1852; David Kimball, Printer, Hanover, ordained June 22, 1822; Elihu T. Rowe, Teacher, Meriden, ordained (when?); Samuel G. Brown, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained Oct. 6, 1852; Charles Aiken, Prof., Hanover, ordained (when?); William A. Packard, Prof., Hanover, ordained (when?); Henry Fairbanks, Prof., Hanover, ordained (when?); Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained, Dec. 27, 1820; Rufus Case, Derry Depot, ordained May 5, 1842.

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Richards, Meriden; A. C. Field, South Acworth.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	William O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Sept.1, '60	53	76	129	59	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	150
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gay,	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S. Aug.1, '57	37	60	97	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	104
Epsom,	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,	1855	S. S., 1860	33	54	87	10	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	1	100
Gilmanton, 1st	1774	Vacant.			9	15	24	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
Iron Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Vacant.			36	60	96	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Loudon, 1st	1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S. July 1, '62	21	49	70	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Loudon, 2d	Aug. 14, 1828	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S. July 1, '62	12	22	34	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay,	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	51	89	140	14	8	0	8	4	0	0	4	6	2	160
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S., 1858	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	Vacant.			58	137	195	39	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	148
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			312	566	878	215	6	1	7	11	5	0	16	9	4	872

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Pittsfield, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Caswell, S. S., Bennington, ordained June 28, 1848; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817; E. H. Blanchard, Warwick, Mass.

JOSHUA S. GAY, Chichester, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates,.....	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	49	104	153	22	4	0	4	5	0	0	5	3	1	140
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	E. H. Caswell,.....	June 18, 1848	S. S., 1861	15	44	59	10	2	2	4	0	3	1	4	0	0	85
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	E. F. Abbott,.....	Aug. 1846	S. S., 1861	10	34	44	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	70
Francestown,.....	1773	Charles Cutler,.....	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	95	179	274	50	0	2	2	11	4	0	15	0	4	391
Greenfield, Cong.,	Nov. 20, 1839	Lyman Marshall,..	Oct. 8, 1856	S.S.July, 1860	45	62	107	18	4	1	5	0	5	0	5	2	12	132
Greenfield, Evan.*	Jan. 7, 1834	Daniel Goodhue,..	May 2. 1848	S.S.Mar.,1860	26	46	72	35	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	2	115
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,....	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	61	91	152	19	1	4	5	5	0	3	8	0	2	230
Hillsboro' Bridge,.	May 29, 1839	Harry Brickett,....	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1857	18	55	73	5	2	4	6	3	0	0	3	1	1	125
Hillsboro' Center,.	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,.....	June 1841	S. S., 1861	18	37	55	7	4	0	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	61
Lyndeborough.....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,.....	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	51	71	122	15	0	2	2	3	5	0	8	0	1	167
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell,....	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	40	102	142	34	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	289
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,....	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	31	67	98	8	2	5	7	4	0	0	4	1	2	200
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 0. Pastors, 6. S. S., 6.			459	892	1351	225	21	22	43	33	19	7	59	8	35	2005

WITHOUT CHARGE. H. G. Park, Hancock, ordained Dec. 16, 1829; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*The original Church was organized Sept. 7, 1792.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	5	13	6	1	3	10	0	322	643	965	187	30	13	43	29	12	0	41	7	17	1075
2. Derry & Man'r,	3	24	15	6	2	23	1	930	1997	2927	552	38	55	93	60	33	2	95	27	27	3546
3. Harmony,	5	12	2	5	0	7	0	190	489	679	93	9	12	21	9	2	1	12	4	3	975
4. Hollis,	1	15	15	0	5	20	2	879	2070	2949	603	17	30	47	52	33	1	86	8	31	3446
5. Hopkinton,	3	20	15	2	6	23	3	825	1632	2507	486	55	22	77	42	35	1	78	35	21	2862
6. Lancaster,	2	8	1	5	0	6	0	101	231	332	38	7	8	15	9	2	0	11	8	3	352
7. Monadnock,	5	24	10	10	2	22	0	570	1368	1938	330	69	33	102	40	35	5	80	28	28	2865
8. Orange,	1	11	4	5	2	11	1	406	891	1297	219	34	19	53	20	14	0	34	20	4	1509
9. Piscataqua,	6	25	16	4	3	23	1	701	1835	2536	345	23	34	57	38	32	5	75	7	19	3492
10. Sullivan,	5	17	7	5	10	22	2	565	1016	1581	408	20	30	50	25	33	0	58	8	10	1406
11. Suncook,	3	10	1	5	5	11	0	312	566	878	215	6	1	7	11	5	0	16	9	4	872
12. Union,	0	12	6	6	2	14	0	459	892	1351	225	21	22	43	33	19	7	59	8	35	2005
Total, 12.	38	191	98	54	40	192	10	6260	13680	19940	*3701	329	279	608	368	235	22	645	169	202	24705

*** Absentees are not additional to the total, being included in *males* and *females*.**

CONFERENCES.

Name.	No. of Churches.	Place and Time of Meeting.	Assessments.	Officers.		Charities.	Local Expenditures.
				Clerks.	Treasurers.		
CHESHIRE.	Twenty-five churches.	Fitzwilliam on the second Wednesday of June, 1863.	$12.00	Rev. Ezra Adams, Gilsum.	Dea. Asa Duren, Keene.	Legacies, $1,575.00 Cont'b'ns, 3,370,00 $4,945.00	Repairs of houses of worship. Stoddard, 275 Hinsdale, 2,000 Winchester, 500
GRAFTON.	Twenty-two churches.	Not organized.	10.00			Not rept'd, 1,200.00 $6,145.00	
HILLSBOROUGH.	Thirty-four churches.	Goffstown on the second Tuesday of June, 1863.	22.00	Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis.	* E. S. Russell, Esq. Nashua.	Legacies, $8,625.28 Cont'b'ns, 7,350.08 $15,975.36	
LANCASTER.	Seven churches which unite with churches in Essex Co., Vt.		2.00	Rev. J. B. Hill, W. Stewartstown.			
MERRIMACK.	Twenty-four churches.		16.00		Geo. Hutchins, Esq. Concord.	Not reported.	
ROCKINGHAM.	Thirty-one churches.	Northwood, second Tuesday of June, 1863.	18.00	Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping.	Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter.	$1,662.22, chiefly for Foreign Missions.	Meeting-house erected in Hampstead — total cost $4,800.
STRAFFORD.	Twenty-eight church's	Dover, 1st church, third Tuesday of June, 1863.	13.00	Rev. R. M. Sargent, Farmington.	Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover.	$1,655.57	Meeting-house in Milton, cost $4,400. Parsonage in Farmington cost $2,000.
SULLIVAN.	Thirteen churches.	Washington, fourth Wednesday of June.	7.00	Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Claremont.	N. W. Goddard, Esq. Claremont.	$305.89, many congregations not reported.	

* Dea. J. A. Wheat, of Nashua, resigned in June, having held the office of Treasurer twenty-one years. The presentation of his annual reports, which were uniformly full and perspicuous, was an interesting feature of the Conference, affording a healthful and steady encouragement to the cause of christian benevolence.

REMARKS.

Returns have been received from all the churches connected with the General Association. The reports of seven Associations embraced returns from all the churches within their limits, properly arranged and nearly complete for the press. In the remaining reports, omissions in names and dates, and defects in arrangement, have been supplied by the Secretary, and returns obtained from *nine* delinquent churches. Some of these returns were secured after vexatious delays, and only by repeated applications. No alterations have been made in the arrangement of the statistical tables. Blanks indicate ignorance or neglect.

ASSOCIATIONS. Since the 1st of July a new association, called the White River Association, has been organized, consisting of ministers and pastors of churches in the vicinity of Dartmouth College.

CHURCHES. A new church of twenty-five members has been organized (March 18) at Gorham. The second church in Great Falls has been disbanded. The whole number is 191, the same as last year.

MEMBERS. The whole number of members reported is 19,940, or 260 less than last year. Additions—by profession, 329; by letter, 279; total, 608. Removals—by death, 368; by dismission, 235; by exclusion, 22; total, 645. By comparing the additions and removals, the decrease in the number of members is 37, while a comparison of the total membership this year, and the total of last, is 260. This discrepancy is less than in some former reports, but is owing to the same cause—the neglect to insert the members, who are dropped from the catalogue of the church, under the head of *excluded*. There is a culpable carelessness manifest in many of the Associations in the mode of making returns. The statistics of one year conflicting with the returns of the preceding year, without any cause assigned. The attention of the Statistical Scribes is particularly requested to the correction of this evil. When the report of a church differs from the printed return of the preceding year, the reason should be evident from the figures, which are inserted in filling the blank. Let it be understood that imperfect and inaccurate reports will not be accepted, and this source of perplexity and error will be removed.

DEATHS. 1861, October 15, Rev. Clement Long, D. D., at Hanover, aged 54; October 18, Rev. William Page, at Atkinson, aged 53; December 23, Rev. Henry M. Bridge, at Colebrook, aged 38; December 27, Rev. Luther B. Whittemore, at Orfordville, aged 37. 1862, February 9, Rev. Luther Townsend, at Fitzwilliam, aged 48; February 16, Rev. Leonard Jewett, at Hollis, aged 74; April 10, Rev. E. H. Barstow, at Haverhill, aged 45; May 9, Rev. Winthrop Fifield, at South-Newmarket, aged 56. In July, Rev. Albert Perry, of Stoughton, Ms., at New-Ipswich.

DISMISSIONS AND REMOVALS. 1861, October 1, Rev. H. E. Richardson left Goshen for Gilead, Me; October 9, Rev. John M. Putnam, dismissed from Dunbarton; 1862, February, Rev. D. B. Bradford left Great Falls; March 4, Rev. Andrew Rankin, dismissed from Danbury; March 12, Rev. Rufus Case, dismissed from West Lebanon; April 8, Rev. John Dinsmore, dismissed from Northampton; April 21, Rev. H. O. Howland, dismissed from Chester; July 10, Rev. William R. Jewett, dismissed from Plymouth; July, Rev. E. Newhall resigned his charge at Litchfield.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS. 1861, October 2, Samuel L. Gerould, ordained pastor of the Congregational church, in Stoddard; October 9, Sylvanus Hayward, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Dunbarton; October 30, Augustus Berry, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Pelham; November 7, B. F. Parsons, installed pastor of Pearl Street Church, Nashua; December 31, at Rindge, Samuel G. Brown, ordained an Evangelist; 1862, January 2, Bristol, Charles F. Abbott and Joseph W. Pickett were ordained Evangelists; March 12, Calvin Cutler was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in New-Ipswich; April 2, Rev. George E. Sanborn, installed pastor of the Congregational church in Mont-Vernon.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. Eight Associations report an increase in the number of scholars attending their schools. Four Associations report a smaller attendance than last year. The net gain is 765. This encouraging result is owing very much to the self-denying labors of those churches which have established Mission Schools.

CATALOGUE. The Catalogue gives the names and post-office address of all ministers connected with the Association. The list is not complete, but as full as the materials within my reach admit. Names of licentiates are given in the statistical tables with post-office address, if known.

CONFERENCES. The tabular statement is not as complete as I expected to make it. The Statistical Scribe of Monadnock Association furnished all the particulars printed respecting Cheshire Conference. The facts set forth in the table respecting other conferences have been secured by personal application, and with only partial success. It is evident that a concise statement should be furnished by each conference of its religious state and outward prosperity. Such a statement should give the time and place

of the next annual meeting, names of officers, amount of religious appropriations, local and general, with a sketch of the preceding meeting, subject of the opening sermon, leading topics of prayer and discussion; to which might be appended notices of deceased laymen, incidents connected with revivals, sabbath school efforts, improvements in houses of worship, parsonages, and any other matters respecting the work of home evangelization. The dissemination of this information would impart more accurate views of the moral and religious prospects of our population, aid in plans for promoting temperance and piety, and bring our churches into more perfect sympathy in their endeavors to build up the Redeemer's kingdom.

J. G. DAVIS, *Statistical Scribe.*

Amherst, Sept. 30, 1862.

A copy of the resolutions on the State of the Country, adopted by the Association, was sent to the President of the United States, as directed (Minutes, page 12). The reception of the same by him is acknowledged in the following letter:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington,
September 8, 1862.

My Dear Sir: — The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt, from you, of a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the General Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers and Churches, at the session in Concord, August 28, 1862.

I am very respectfully your ob't serv't,

JOHN HAY.

Rev. J. G. DAVIS, Amherst, N. H.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott Edward F., Deering. 12.
Adams Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 7.
Adams John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover. 10.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Arms Josiah L., Wilmot. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 7.
Ayer Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barbour N., Sullivan. 7.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 8.
Barrows Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 7.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Berry Augustus, Pelham. 2.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Blake Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 10.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Blodgett George D., Newmarket. 9.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester, 2.
Bradford Dana B., Dover. 9.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Burt Edmund, Goshen. 10.
Butterfield H. O., Great Falls. 9.
Buxton Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr William O., Barnstead Parade. 11.
Case Rufus, Derry Depot. 10.
Caswell Enoch H., Bennington. 12.
Chandler A., Lempster. 10.
Chapman Elias, Exeter. 9.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett William, New-Alstead. 7.
Clark John, Bridgewater. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Colby John, Hampton. 9.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 2.
Cook E. B., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler Calvin, New-Ipswich. 4.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Doldt James, Milton. 8.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan Thomas W., Nelson. 7
Dustan George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Eldridge Erasmus D., Alton. 3.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks Henry, Hanover. 10.
Fay, Henry C., Northwood. 11.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fenn William H., Manchester. 2.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 4.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 10.
Gage William L., Portsmouth. 9.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 8.
Gerould Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Glidden, K. B., Westmoreland. 7.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 12.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Hamilton J. A., Keene. 7.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2.
Hayward Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.
Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 6.
Hills James D., Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood J. Augustine, Loudon Village. 11,
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 7.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jaquith Andrew, Langdon. 10.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 2.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 5.
Kellogg Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 10.
Kimball Reuben, North Conway. 8.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 8.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 9.
Lawrence John, Salem. 2.

Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 10.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 9.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Leeds Samuel P., Hanover. 10.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover, 8.
Lord J. M., Enfield. 10.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 12.
McClenning Daniel, Bethlehem. 6.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood, 9.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 9.
Miles Edward C., Stratham. 9.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Nason Elias, Exeter. 9.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 2.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Ordway Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 9.
Packard William A., Hanover. 10.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page Caleb F., Colebrook. 6.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 9.
Park H. G., Hancock. 12.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parsons Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 5.
Peffers A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pickett Joseph W., Wentworth. 8.
Pike Gustavus D., Nashua. 4.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 10.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Rankin Andrew, Danbury. 5.
Rawson Alanson, Harrisville. 7.
Ray John W., Manchester. 2.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 9.
Riddel Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 9.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sanborne George E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 5.
Smith Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stinson George W., Dalton. 6.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stow John M., Walpole. 7.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney Erdix, Lyme. 8.
Tenney S. G., Springfield, Vt. 10.
Tewksbury George F., Goshen. 6.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 2.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 9.
Thornton James B., Dover. 9.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 9.
Tufts J. B., Wakefield. 3.
Utley Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 5.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 7.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July.
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.
Grafton and Coös,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
†Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education
‡Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Congr. churches

General Association of New-Hampshire,

HELD AT HAVERHILL, AUGUST, 1860,

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENES.
1860.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

General Association of New-Hampshire,

HELD AT HAVERHILL, AUGUST, 1863,

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1863.

NOTICES FOR 1864.

Annual meeting at Manchester, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon to be appointed by the Orange Association.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Address to the Churches, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., of Lyme, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, and Rev. Alvan Tobey, of Durham.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions for meeting of 1864, according to the Constitution, article 7, section 4, Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, of Tamworth, Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, and Dea. William P. Hidden, of Tamworth.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. S. P. Leeds; substitute, Rev. Elias Nason.

For Conference assessments, see remarks on Conferences, p. 37.

Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

MINUTES.

The GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled at the Congregational church in Haverhill, on Tuesday, August 25, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened* with a sermon by Rev. E. W. Cook, of Hopkinton, from 1st Peter, 2: 10—the minister appointed for that purpose, and his substitute, both failing to be present.

After the sermon, the preacher took the chair. The credentials of delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—John H. Thyng, John K. Young, D. D.
Derry and Manchester—Marvin Leffingwell, L. S. Parker, Jesse Page.
Harmony—Samuel H. Riddell.
Hollis—P. B. Day, William Clark.
Hopkinton—Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Asa P. Tenney.
Lancaster—Prescott Fay.
Monadnock—Jairus Ordway, Alanson Rawson, J. A. Hamilton.
Orange—Charles E. Milliken.
Piscataqua—H. Q. Butterfield, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan—Amos Foster, Charles A. Downs.
Union—Charles Cutler.
White River—Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. Jonathan D. Ware, of Swanzey; Hon. Milan Harris, of Harrisville.

Grafton—Dea. G. S. Dean, of Wentworth; Dea. William G. Brown, of Campton.

Hillsborough—Dea. Daniel Mack, of Manchester; Bro. William D. Locke, of New-Ipswich; Dea. Aaron Lawrence, of Amherst.

Merrimack—T. O. Wilson, Esq., of Fisherville; Dea. Daniel H. Parker, of Dunbarton; Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., of Concord.

Rockingham—Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth; Dea. Joseph Winslow, of Epping.

Strafford—Dea. Benjamin Jewett, of Gilford; Bro. O. D. Morse, of Somersworth.

* Prayer-meetings of an interesting character were held on Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock, and on Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

New-Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. P. S. Burbank, of Danville.

Congregational Conference of Ohio—Rev. George Darling, of Hudson, Ohio.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (N. S.)—Rev. Lewis H. Reid, of Syracuse, N. Y.

New-Hampshire Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Joseph Fawcett, of Bath.

General Association of Iowa—Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., of Dubuque, Iowa.

EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Secretary, of Amherst; Rev. John D. Emerson, pastor of place of meeting.

The Secretary reported the names of members. The Association was organized by the election of Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., of Dartmouth College, Moderator; Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth, Scribe; Rev. Charles Cutler, of Francestown, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Alvan Tobey and Hon. Milan Harris, with Rev. John D. Emerson, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned, with singing, to 1½ o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 1½ o'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Proceeded with the choice of the following committees: namely,

On Nominations—Rev. J. W. Ray, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Bro. O. D. Morse.

On Narratives, 1864—Rev. Edward Robie, Rev. Alvan Tobey.

Of Inquiry—Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Dea. William P. Hidden, of Tamworth.

Voted, That all clergymen and lay members of our churches present be invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

2 *o'clock*. Public services opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel H. Riddell.

The Committee on Narratives failing to be prepared with a condensed narrative to be read, it was recommended by the Committee of Arrangements, and approved by the Association, that the narratives, so far as furnished by the several Conferences, be read, to which the first delegate of the Associations not already reported, be invited to add information relative to the state of their respective churches.

Reports on the state of religion were then read by Rev. A. Tobey, from Suncook Association; Rev. J. Ordway, Monadnock Association; Rev. P. Fay, Lancaster Association; Rev. P. B. Day, Hillsborough County Conference.

Sung the 101st hymn, L. M.

Reports were then made from Belknap Association, by Rev. Dr. Young, of Laconia, and Rev. Mr. Thyng; Harmony Association, Rev. S. H. Riddell, of Tamworth; Hopkinton Association, Rev. A. P. Tenney, of West Concord; Orange Association, Rev. C. E. Milliken, of Littleton; Piscataqua Association, Rev. A. Tobey, of Durham; Sullivan Association, Rev. A. Foster, of Acworth; Derry and Manchester Association, Rev. J. Page, of Atkinson; White River, Prof. Brown, of Dartmouth College

Voted, That a committee of one be nominated by the Committee of Nominations, to condense from these statements and reports a brief narrative, to be published in the Minutes.

Rev. L. S. Parker, of Derry, was appointed.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary:

From the Congregational Union of Canada, the General Conference of Congregational Churches of Maine, the Oregon General Association.

Voted, That the Committee of Nominations be instructed to nominate a committee to report resolutions on the state of the country.

Revs. P. B. Day and J. K. Young, D. D., and Bro. O. D. Morse, were appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a resolution from the Hollis Association, urging the desirableness of a State religious periodical, with a recommendation that a committee be appointed to consider the subject, and report at some future session of this Conference.

After discussion from Rev. J. W. Ray, Dr. B. P. Stone, Revs. R. F. Lawrence (late of Claremont), J. G. Davis, L. S. Parker, and Dea. Ware,

Voted, That further discussion of the subject be postponed to Wednesday, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Adjourned to that hour.

Tuesday Evening. Religious services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Lawrence. Prayer by Rev. L. S. Parker. Addresses by Rev. S. W. Hanks, of the Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. J. H. Hamilton, late chaplain in the United States Army; Rev. E. W. Cook, of Hopkinton; Rev. J. W. Alvord, of the American Tract Society; Rev. C. A. Downs, of Lebanon; Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester, and Rev. L. S. Parker, of Derry.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ray.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.*

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called, and minutes of Tuesday read by the Scribe.

The discussion in regard to a State religious paper was continued by Rev. Messrs. Ray, Tobey, Stone, Tenney, Page, Davis, Downs, Parker,

*Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock, conducted by Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.

and Bros. Harris, Mack, Parker, Locke, Stevens, and Webster. It also appeared that several County Conferences and Associations had passed resolutions on the subject.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed as recommended, to consider the subject, and report.

Revs. Dr. Stone, J. Page, C. A. Downs, and Bros. Locke and Parker were appointed.

Sung the 98th Hymn.

A report from Rev. E. N. Hidden, delegate to the Maine Conference, and a letter from Rev. George P. Tyler, delegate from the Vermont Convention of Congregational Churches, were presented and read.

Delegates from other religious bodies in correspondence with this, were then heard, as follows:

Rev. George Darling, from the Congregational Conference of Ohio.

Rev. P. S. Burbank, from the N. H. F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. Lewis H. Reid, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

At 11 o'clock adjourned to 1½ o'clock P. M.

---

11 *o'clock.* Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Society.

Rev. C. J. Hill, the Secretary, presided, and made an extended address; after which, remarks were offered by Rev. Messrs. Alvord and Hanks, Bro. O. D. Morse, and Rev. Messrs. Emerson and Day.

Singing by the children.

WEDNESDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

A verbal report from the Treasurer was presented.

Voted, That the report, so far as made, be accepted; that 600 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that one hundred dollars ($100) be raised by assessments from the Conferences.

The Committee on a State religious paper made the following report:

WHEREAS, the several County Conferences of the State have sent up to this body resolutions on the subject of a local religious paper, in which they express a strong conviction of its importance as a medium of intercommunication for our churches, and request that some action be taken at this time in reference to the establishment of such a paper, the committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the establishment of a well conducted weekly religious paper within our limits is, in our opinion, essential to the great interests of religion and morality in our State, and that *we*, the members of this Association, pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to establish and sustain such a paper, and we earnestly ask the co-operation of all our ministers and churches in the same enterprise.

Resolved, That as we have not time to devise and mature a plan for the establishment of a paper, we recommend that a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred the whole matter of procuring terms of publication from printers in Concord, Manchester, or other places, and of making such arrangements for editorial labor, and for all other purposes, as they shall judge necessary and practical, and that they make a report of their doings to the next General Association.

Voted, That this report be laid on the table.

At 2 o'clock the Association gave place to the New-Hampshire Education Society; Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., of Hanover, President, in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Amos Foster.

Sung 498th Hymn.

Sermon by Rev. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., from 2 Timothy ii.: 2.

3¼ *o'clock.* The New-Hampshire Bible Society was allowed place for three quarters of an hour.

Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Willey, the Secretary.

A statement of the financial condition of the Society was presented by Rev. Dr. Stone, the Treasurer.

Addresses were then made by Hon. J. E. Sargent, of Wentworth, and Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester.

4¼ *o'clock. Voted*, That gentlemen present, as agents of the various religious institutions in which we are interested, have now eight minutes each, for that purpose.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood spoke in behalf of the American Tract Society, N. Y.; Rev. G. L. Hovey spoke in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union; Rev. S. H. Merrill spoke in behalf of the United States Christian Commission.

The public services were closed with singing the Doxology in L. M.

The Committee on Nominations reported: 1. Place of meeting for 1864, Manchester. 2. Preacher of the opening sermon to be appointed by the Orange Association. 3. Preacher before the Sacrament of the Supper, Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, primary; Rev. Elias Nason, substitute. 4. Auditor, Rev. William Clark.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. M. Gerould.
Substitute, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

To the General Convention of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. E. H. Richardson.
Substitute, Rev. E. C. Miles.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. J. W. Ray.
Substitute, Rev. P. B. Day.

To the General Conference of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. C. W. Wallace.
Substitute, Rev. W. Clark.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island:
Primary, Rev. A. W. Fiske.
Substitute, Rev. E. Robie.

To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. M. Leffingwell.
Substitute, Rev. J. A. Hamilton.

To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. S. H. Riddell.
Substitute, Rev. A. P. Tenney.

To the Ohio Congregational Conference:
Primary, Rev. S. P. Leeds.
Substitute, Rev. L. S. Parker.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. J. D. Emerson.
Substitute, Rev. B. F. Parsons.

To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey.
Substitute, Rev. W. T. Savage.

To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. A. Foster.
Substitute, Rev. J. Ordway.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.):
Primary, Rev. H. G. Park.
Substitute, Rev. Henry E. Parker.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. E. B. Claggett.
Substitute, Rev. J. Boutwell.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference:
Primary, Rev. A. Jaquith.
Substitute, Rev. C. A. Downs.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention:
Primary, Rev. K. B. Glidden.
Substitute, Rev. C. J. Hill.

To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. S. Haywood.
Substitute, Rev. H. Cummings.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis.
Substitute, Rev. J. H. Bates.

To the Congregational Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. Jeffries Hall.
Substitute, Rev. H. C. Fay.

To the Congregational Association of California:
Primary, Rev. A. Spaulding.
Substitute, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D.

To the Congregational Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. R. Kimball.
Substitute, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Country reported the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS civil government is a Divine institution, and it is clearly a Christian duty to uphold it until its oppressions shall justify a revolution; and whereas the benign government under which we live, and have become a great and prosperous nation, has been assailed by a long matured and well-organized treason; we, as a body of Christian ministers and laymen desire, before the country and the world, to renew our assurances of loyalty and heartfelt support. Therefore,

Resolved, That we reaffirm the resolutions passed by this body at their last annual meeting, and that we renew our pledges to sustain the Federal Goverment in all lawful measures to suppress this rebellion.

Resolved, That while, as representatives of the Church of Christ, we would ignore all partisan motives and alliances, we feel bound to say that the *hand of Providence* in the proclamation of the chief magistrate of our nation, by which the fetters of so many thousands of bondmen have been struck off, is more and more apparent; and that the developments of Providence every month are convincing us more fully of the wisdom and necessity of that measure, as the means of permanently terminating our unhappy struggles.

Resolved, That as, in the workings of Divine Prcvidence, we have suddenly thrown upon us more than half a million of freedmen, with the prospect that this number will be greatly increased, the Christian people of the loyal States are called upon to aid liberally in providing for their physical, moral, and religious wants, and in educating them for the duties of American citizens.

Resolved, That the remarkable business prosperity of our country; our large increase of contributions to benevolent objects, and the prosperous continuance of our religious and educational institutions during these times of great public anxiety and sacrifice; the continuance of non-intervention from foreign countries, and especially the recent victories which have crowned our arms, call for expressions of heartfelt thanksgiving to Him who rules our destinies, and for humble acknowledgments to the Divine hand in them.

Resolved, That we renew our pledges of support and prayerful remembrance to the loyal men of our army and navy, whether chaplains, officers or privates, and do truly sympathize with them in their privations and sufferings, and especially do we tenderly sympathize with those surviving friends whose husbands, brothers, sons or fathers have fallen in their country's service.

Resolved, That in view of the momentous responsibility of the President of the United States and his constitutional advisers, in carrying us through our present warfare, and in settling great questions pertaining to our future prosperity, we bespeak in their behalf the prayers of the Christian people in our land, that they may be divinely guided in all the measures which they shall adopt for the present and future welfare of our country.

Voted, That the preamble and resolutions be read and acted upon *seriatim*.

Which, being done, the preamble, 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th resolutions were adopted, no one dissenting; and the 2d was adopted with one or two dissenting voices.

Rev. Joseph Fawcett presented the salutations of the New-Hampshire Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Voted, That the question of creating a fund for superannuated and disabled ministers, and also the question, whether such a fund could be properly committed to the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, be referred to a committee of two, to report to the Association.

Rev. Drs. Stone and Young were appointed.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. Amos Foster.

An amendment of Art. XI. of the Constitution, by adding, "and the delegates of the County Conferences shall be responsible for the same," was proposed, and laid on the table till to-morrow.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The reports of the Trustees, and of the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund were read.

Voted, That they be accepted, and the substance of them be published in the Minutes, under the direction of the scribes.

Voted, That a committee of two be appointed to rearrange the order of proceedings for Wednesday, as set forth in Art. VIII. of the Constitution.

Rev. Messrs. Day and Davis were appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements reported a minute in regard to Dartmouth College, which was adopted, as follows: We, members of the General Association, having had our attention directed to Dartmouth College, desire to express our deep sympathy with the College at the present time, our high appreciation of its past and long continued usefulness to the cause of science, literature, religion and patriotism, and our earnest hope of its future enlarged prosperity. We approve the expression of opinion lately published by the Trustees, and pray that God will direct them in the very important duties now devolving on them, to a course that will conduce most effectively to the great and good objects for which the College was established.

The report in regard to a State religious paper was taken up.

Voted, That it be amended by making the proposed committee to consist of "ten" instead of "five."

The report as amended was adopted.

Voted, That a committee of two be appointed to nominate said committee.

Rev. A. Tobey and L. D. Stevens, Esq., were appointed.

Voted, That when we adjourn it be to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock, and that the Association now give place to the exercises assigned for the evening.

---

8 *o'clock P. M.* Prayer by Rev. Homer Barrows.

Proceeded with the discussion of the questions assigned for the evening.

1st. Ought persons to be licensed to preach the gospel, who do not intend to enter the ministry as a calling?

The discussion was opened by Rev. Jairus Ordway, of the Monadnock Association, and was continued by Rev. Drs. Stone and Rev. Messrs. Riddell, Lawrence, Parker and Davis.

2d. How shall a sense of individual responsibility be awakened in the membership of our churches.

The discussion was opened by Rev. J. A. Hamilton, of Monadnock Association.

Voted, That the further discussion of the question be discontinued, and give place to the presentation of the cause of the United States Christian Commission:

Mr. E. T. Quimby, of New-Ipswich, and Rev. S. H. Merrill, of Portland, Me., then made addresses in behalf of the Commission.

Voted, That the discussion of the third question be indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned, after singing.

THURSDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.*

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Sylvanus Hayward.

The roll was called, and the minutes for Wednesday read by the Scribe.

Leave of absence was granted to Bro. William D. Locke, Rev. S. H. Riddell, and Dea. Daniel Mack.

The committee on creating a fund for disabled ministers made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of raising funds for the relief of indigent and disabled ministers of the Gospel, recommend that a committee of five be appointed, to take the whole subject into consideration, and report some plan to the next General Association.

Which was adopted.

Rev. Drs. Bouton and Stone, Rev. Messrs. Wallace and Willey, and George Hutchins, Esq., were appointed.

The committee to nominate a committee on a State religious paper nominated Rev. J. W. Ray, Dr. Stone, Dea. Daniel H. Parker, Revs. I. Willey, William Clark, C. J. Hill, J. B. Walker, Esq., Rev. W. T. Savage, Hon. Samuel Upton, and L. D. Stevens, Esq., who were chosen.

Rev. P. B. Day in the chair.

Rev. C. W. Wallace read the Pastoral Letter.

Voted, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
Voted, That the amendment proposed to Art. xi. be taken from the table and referred to a committee of three.

Rev. Messrs. Day, Milliken and Riddell were appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following preamble, recommendation and resolution:

WHEREAS the different denominations of professed Christians in many of our towns are unable to maintain their separate institutions of religion, and are living without them, therefore we, the General Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers and Churches, in our associated capacity, advise, where it can be consistently done, that these different denominations unite in the support of an evangelical ministry, and in sustaining Sabbath schools for the young, and for all who can be induced to share in their privileges.

Resolved, That we commend this subject to the consideration of the next meeting of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this State; to the next Baptist General Convention, and to the next Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, with the hope that those bodies will think favorably of this recommendation, and join in commending it to the favorable regard of the people in our destitute towns.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Amendment to Article XI. reported that the article be amended by adding, "and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed." Which was adopted.

The Committee on Amendment to Article VIII. reported that the same be amended, so that after "institutions" and before "*Wednesday evening*," it shall read, "Commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society, and followed by reports of other benevolent institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct. At half past 2 P. M.,

* Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock A. M., conducted by Rev. Charles Cutler.

the Association will give place to the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of the Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the Sabbath-School Union." Which was adopted.

Voted, That Article V. be amended by inserting the words "by ballot," after the word "chosen."

Elected by ballot Rev. Josiah G. Davis Secretary.

A letter conveying the fraternal salutations of the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, through Rev. C. Blodgett, D. D., was read.

At 10 o'clock A. M. gave place to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The President and Vice-President being absent, Rev. Dr. Stone, senior Trustee, presided.

Sung the 72d Psalm, 2d part, L. M.

Prayer by Rev. Homer Barrows.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Abstracts from the report of the Secretary were read, and after addresses from Rev. D. D. Tappan, Horace Webster, Esq., Rev. Dr. J. C. Holbrook, of Dubuque, Iowa, and Messrs. J. H. Stearns, H. Q. Butterfield, and A. Tobey, the report was adopted.

Closed with singing the Doxology.

Association adjourned to 1½ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment, in the lecture room.

Voted, That Article VIII., Section 1, be amended by adding, after the word "subject," the words, "and reading the Pastoral Letter."

The following votes of thanks, introduced by Rev A. Tobey, were unanimously adopted:

The General Association presents its thanks to the people of Haverhill for the kind and generous hospitality given to its members and friends who have attended this meeting.

The General Association also presents its thanks to the officers of the several railroads, who have favored attendance on its Anniversaries by the reduction of fares.

Revs. S. P. Leeds and A. P. Tenney were designated to officiate at the Sacrament.

Voted, That Revs. Messrs. Davis and Page be added to the committee on a State religious paper.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be extended to E. D. Boylston, Esq., of the Farmers' Cabinet, and Messrs. McFarland & Jenks, of the Concord Statesman, for courtesy in publishing notices of the Association without compensation.

The Association then adjourned to meet again after the public services.

2 *o'clock.* Religious services were held in the church.

Prayer by Rev. Jesse Page.

Sermon by Rev. L. S. Parker, from 1st Peter i. : 11.

Sacrament of the Supper administered, with appropriate remarks, by Rev. Messrs. Leeds and Tenney.

4½ *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

The minutes were read by the Scribe, and approved.

After an extended discussion of the expediency of establishing a State religious paper, and the methods, prayer was offered by Rev. P. B. Day. The Association then adjourned *sine die.*

S. G. BROWN, *Moderator.*

HORACE WEBSTER, *Scribe.*

CHARLES CUTLER, *Assistant Scribe.*

7½ *o'clock P. M.* Meeting at which Rev. William Clark presided.

Rev. William Warren made an address in behalf of the American Board of Commissoners for Foreign Missions, and Rev. S. H. Morrill in behalf of the United States Christian Commission.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

It has long been an approved custom in our churches, at special seasons, to review God's dealings with them; thus their faith has been strengthened, their gratitude has been largely increased, and most valuable practical lessons to guide and enrich future life, have been gained.

The past year, like the one that preceded it, has been one of deep national tribulation. We have walked in its dense shadows from the opening to the close of the year. While our hearts and hands have been necessarily occupied with these new calls, to an unusual extent, we rejoice to record it, to the praise of God's grace, that there has been a good measure of spiritual prosperity within our bounds. God has not forsaken Zion. Loyalty to the government of the nation, and loyalty to Christ, do not disagree. Our experience proves that patriotism may be sanctified, and so become an aid instead of a hindrance to the religious life.

Death has not only been busy in the army for the last twelve months, but also in the quiet of our homes. In September two of our ministers' wives, Mrs. Lucy Dustan, wife of Rev. George Dustan, of Peterborough, and Mrs. Sarah D. Emerson, wife of Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill, were summoned from their life-work to join the family in heaven, leaving behind them most sweet and sacred memories of affectionate service and self-sacrifice. One brother, of honored, pious ancestry, Rev. Ambrose Smith, of Boscawen, useful and beloved, deceased at the early age of forty-two. Three of the fathers have also passed away: Rev. Andrew Rankin, long known in our churches, at the age of sixty-six; Rev. Abraham Bodwell, for so many years the esteemed pastor of the church in Sanbornton, aged eighty-six, and Rev. William Patrick, for more than a generation the pastor of the church in Canterbury, always active and faithful, at the advanced age of ninety. Mr. Patrick was with us at our meeting last year in Concord, bright, elastic, and cheerful as usual. One father only is left whose name is identified with the origin and early history of the General Association—Rev. Ebenezer Price, of West Boscawen, now Webster, residing at present in Boston. To the above list may be added the name of a son of New-Hampshire, of godly extraction, whose public life was mainly spent in other States: Rev. Ralph Emerson, D. D., late Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Theology, at Andover Theological Seminary, who died in Rockford, Illinois, at the age of seventy-five. In this connection the ancient inquiry strikes our minds, "The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?" We give thanks to God for such pioneers in christian service, and would copy what was most worthy in their example.

Our churches have enjoyed during the past year outward prosperity to a very gratifying degree. Cases of new troubles in churches and societies, or of standing feuds, are rarely reported. General harmony is spoken of. In some instances houses of worship have been refitted and enlarged, and

parish debts have been extinguished. The attendance on public worship is almost uniformly stated to be larger than usual, although so many are absent in the service of their country. From every part of our State abundant testimonies are furnished of the existence of a warm and living patriotism among our people. In the contribution of money and of all kinds of articles needed by our patriotic citizens in arms; in sustaining the Christian Commission and the Tract Societies, and the Bible and Seamen's causes; in giving up kindred and friends to bear the brunt of this terrible conflict; in the spirit with which bereavements have been borne; in the earnest and unceasing prayers offered for the Divine blessing on all loyal counsels and efforts, and in the hopefulness that has been cherished among us even in dark days, we have demonstration of the fact that the love of country lives in Christian hearts as in the former days. And this interest is becoming more and more deep, spiritual and constant, foreshadowing a more glorious religious as well as earthly future to the nation.

While thousands and tens of thousands of dollars have been contributed by our churches and societies for the physical comfort and the spiritual good of the defenders of the country, it is cheering to learn from all quarters that the ordinary benevolent collections have exceeded rather than fallen short of those of previous years. This is better than the fears and hopes even of many.

An earnest plea for renewed efforts to suppress intemperance is found in almost every report. The young need to be taught the great lessons of the past on this subject, and to be enrolled in bands of hope.

The Sabbath School cause is receiving especial attention in all our churches, and was never in a more flourishing state than at the present time. Christians are feeling more and more that the young are the hope of the church, and are laboring and praying for their conversion, not without the most signal tokens of the Divine approval.

While we can not speak of the past year as emphatically one of revivals, we have occasion for devout thanksgiving to God in the gentle effusions of the Spirit on a considerable number of our congregations. Among these favored communities are Peterborough, where a work of grace commenced soon after the death of the pastor's wife; Orfordville, Lyme, Atkinson, and Plaistow.

Most of our churches have had additions by profession; but perhaps the most striking proofs of the presence of the Spirit of God have been witnessed among those who have gone forth from among us in answer to the call of their country. From many of these the urgent request has been frequently sent to pious friends at home, "Pray for us;" while not a few are rejoicing in the Christian hope.

We inscribe on the tablet of the year the words of Samuel the seer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We take up the ark of life and move forward into the unseen future with new impulses of faith and hope, praying that the year before us may be one of the right hand of the Most High to our country, and to the churches of Christ, with us and every where.

PASTORAL LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN: — The gloomy shadow of national calamity which has hung over our land for the past two years lingers still. There are indeed hopeful signs. The dark cloud we trust has passed the zenith — it rolls down the southern sky. The thunder, though yet loud, becomes fainter. The lighning is less vivid, and the calm bow of promise begins to span our national heavens. For this we will be grateful while we inquire for the lessons of the present hour. The Israelites of old, so soon as they had crossed the Red Sea, with one heart and one voice exclaimed, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation. My father's God, and I will exalt him." The wilderness yet stretched its long miles of barren waste before them — Canaan was far away. Still they would praise God for blessings already received.

In like manner would we remember the good hand of our God. Though darkness still skirts our horizon; though thousands of our homes are desolate, and the voice of mourning is heard in our land; though we may have a wide desert of calamity yet to pass through, and though the Canaan of peace may be yet far away, yet will we praise God for his goodness, and trust him for the days that are to come.

We will praise him for giving us rulers who recognize his hand in the affairs of the nation.

The recent proclamation for a Day of Thanksgiving, by the President, is such an expression.

Therein is acknowledged our dependance upon God; that our sins have brought this calamity upon us; that repentance is the only means of securing the Divine favor; that our victories are from God, in answer to the prayers of his people, and that the Holy Spirit is needed, to guide both the ruler and the ruled in the path of safety.

For such a recognition before the nations of the civilized world of the hand of Providence in the affairs of men we would render thanks to Almighty God.

We will thank him also that the nation is learning to understand the true cause of the war and the real issue at stake. The rebellion is the natural out-growth of American Slavery, just as vice and superstition and moral degradation are the out-growth of idolatry. Other things are only incidental to it. They may have retarded or hastened, — giving it shape or force, but the cause is *slavery*. And the real question at issue is, Shall slavery or liberty rule in our land? Not whether one half of the country shall be given to slavery and the other to freedom, but whether all our laws and institutions — our civilization and our religion — shall be shaped to promote one or the other of these great interests.

There is no freedom where all are not free. We thank God therefore that we are learning that we can not live with slavery. "It is incompat-

ible with our institutions." It destroys patriotism; it perverts Christianity; it prevents the growth of letters; it blots out the true idea of manhood, and thus renders the nation which fosters it weak and dependent.

We are learning even that the institution is a greater calamity to the white man than to the black. When the Anglo Saxon met the African on these western shores, and the relation of master and slave was instituted, it did in some respects raise the one in the scale of being, while it degraded the other. And to-day, patriotism and Christianity, and all the noble and manly virtues may dwell in the bosom of the slave, while if found at all they present but a weak and sickly growth in that of the master.

We are thankful therefore that we are learning that there is no safety for nations but in truth and right, and God. The State no less than the Church rests upon the Bible. Its walls are upreared; its institutions are cemented by the religion of the cross. Indeed the wide-spread confusion of the present hour — the roar of artillery — the din and rush and clash of a hundred battle-fields — the groans of the dying, with the mourning that comes up from ten thousand desolate homes, all unite in one grand choral, "The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish. Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted."

Furthermore, We are thankful that in the struggle in which our nation is engaged, we stand with God and truth. Long we occupied a doubtful position. Our professions of liberty were contradicted by iniquity framed into law. Our prayer "Thy kingdom come," was not for all men. We have now, however, wheeled into the line of truth and right. Let the high and holy position of our President be maintained, and we stand an undimmed star in the highest constellation of the nations.

It is not a small thing thus to stand with the wise and good of every land, to uphold the right — the higher civilization — the liberty — the learning — the purest Christianity of the age; to stand with God's poor of every clime — with the slave as he stretches out his hand toward heaven, and pours his cry for deliverance into the ear of the Lord of Sabbaoth.

If we succeed in this struggle, a new era will dawn upon our land. The tide of in-coming barbarism will be rolled back. Schools will dot the savannas of the South. The gospel will spread, and the latter-day glory will be hastened; while despots and tyrants will hide their heads, and that system of bondage which has so long shamed our civilization and disgraced our religion, will be driven from our fair inheritance.

Beloved Brethren: — For so much are we grateful. And though we may be still far from the bright Canaan of our hopes, yet will we thank God and take courage, assured that "No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly." May we rise also to the full dignity of our position, and read rightly the hand-writing of our God.

First of all, Learn to trust him. Be not over-anxious to steady the ark of our liberties which he is removing to the place of its rest. In the mighty loom of destiny is now being woven the web of our national life. The shuttle of Providence plays through a tangled mass of parti-colored events. But each stroke unfolds the purpose of the Master. The design stands out; already we may read "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Happy shall we be if our people, if our rulers, understand rightly the lesson of this solemn hour as it unfolds from the dark womb of the future. "Be assured that the times which sweep by march to the ultimate triumph of the right, and the slow but universal diffusion of truth."

May we also be sensible of the duties which the events of the present hour are throwing upon the church of Christ. Fifty years ago Christians in this country were praying that God would open the heathen world to

the triumphant march of the gospel. Then every avenue was closed. It was exceedingly difficult for our missionaries to gain a foothold in any benighted land. God heard the prayers of his people. The gates of superstition and idolatry were opened, and many fields white for the harvest invited our approach. But this answer to prayer has thrown increasing labor upon the church, and demands a ten-fold sacrifice. Three hundred thousand dollars are not enough to maintain the missions of the American Board, while kindred institutions present their demands equally pressing. Long have Christians in our country prayed that God would break the bonds of the oppressor. If this prayer is heard, as it will be if offered in faith, a vast field of missionary labor will be opened to the enterprise of the church, — a work more grand and pressing than this nation ever knew — a work not exceeded by any since the Christian era commenced. Four millions of slaves are to be taught the principles of civil and religious liberty, and to be raised to a position where freedom may be a blessing; and an equal number of white men are to be corrected of their errors, purged of their prejudices, and brought down from their heights of pride and unholy ambition to that plain where they will acknowledge that God has made of one blood all nations of men. It is a great work — a high and holy work. Are we equal to it? Are we ready to lay our sons and daughters upon this altar, and to pour our uncounted thousands into this treasury?

Finally, Let us obey the injunction of the apostle, "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty." The quiet and peaceable national life is connected with prayer for rulers.

While, however, we supplicate the throne of Divine grace for all who are in authority, let us especially remember our Chief Magistrate. Few men ever occupied a position more important or difficult. Vital constitutional and political questions are at issue; conflicting opinions struggle for the mastery. Interests of great moment demand attention; while the welfare of millions of people, if not the permanency of our institutions, is at stake.

The hand of Providence now indicates that our President is chosen to be the Moses of the nineteenth century. If such be the design, may the prayers of a grateful, humble people ever ascend in his behalf, that his faith may rise to the sublime dignity of this most sublime hour; that the same shekinah of obedience to the right, that has led him hitherto, may guide him still onward to the peaceful Canaan of national rest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1862.			*Cr.*
Sept. 13.	By balance in Treasury,		$35.02
1863.			
June 11.	Hillsborough County Conference Assessments,		22.00
July 2.	Merrimack " "	and arrears of 1862,	21.50
July 4.	Rockingham County Conference Assessment,		18.00
Aug. 8.	Strafford " "		13.00
Aug. 26.	Sullivan " "		7.00
Aug. 26.	Cheshire " "		12.00
			$128.52
1862.			*Dr.*
Nov. 22.	Express from Concord, Manuscript and Minutes,		$1.25
Dec. 2.	Expense of wrapping and mailing 560 copies of Minutes,		7.74
1863.			
May 27.	"Questions" published in Congregationalist,		1.00
July 9.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing Minutes of 1862,		80.00
Sept. 12.	Postages and stationery of Secretary and Treasurer,		4.31
Sept. 12.	Balance in Treasury,		34.22
			$128.52

Assessments for 1864 will be found on page 37. The sums assessed on Grafton and Lancaster Conferences for 1863, remain unpaid.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

WILLIAM CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, Sept. 29, 1863.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND respectfully report to the General Association, that at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees, held in Concord, June 8, 1863, the following officers were chosen: namely,

Elected Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., President.
" Dea. JAMES MOULTON, JR., Secretary.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.
" Rev. NATH'L BOUTON, }
" JAMES MOULTON, JR., } Executive Committee.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, }

Rev. Pliny P. Day, of Hollis, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Rev. Ambrose Smith.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, July 14, 1863,

Voted, To appropriate and pay the sum of twenty dollars each, to the following persons, widows of deceased ministers: namely, to

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson, Lempster; Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill, North Wolfborough; Mrs. S. B. Whittemore, Bridgewater; Mrs. S. A. O. Fifield, East Concord.

The Annual Income of the Fund, with the annuities of ministers and contributions from individuals and society, amounts to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

N. BOUTON, *for the Secretary.*

CONCORD, August 24, 1863.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the State of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a Moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceeds of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to this 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the Scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed to designate an auditor and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDING. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon*. The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses, respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other Societies and Institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2½ o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon*. At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Association and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. July 1, 1863.				Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let	To.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.			2	4	6	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Campton,	1774	Vacant.			29	49	78	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	140
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson,	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	20	34	54	10	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	2	60
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake,	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1862	43	67	110	28	2	1	3	2	2	0	4	1	0	73
Groton, }	Nov. 9, 1803	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. 18 yrs.	13	14	27	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	45
Hebron, }	1779				12	28	40	4	0	0	0	0	*0	0	0	0	0	100
Laconia,	July 6, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.,	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	54	132	186	36	13	4	17	5	3	0	8	10	5	156
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	19	41	60	13	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	3	50
Plymouth,	1765	d. A. Hazen,	Feb. 19, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	34	94	128	36	5	2	7	3	0	0	3	0	4	170
Sanbornton,	1771	J. Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	43	87	130	15	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	130
Sandwich,	Aug., 1814	Vacant.			8	25	33	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			7	8	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 6. S. S., 1.			284	583	867	181	24	9	33	25	7	1	33	13	18	924

WITHOUT CHARGE.—John Clark, Bridgewater, ordained 1835; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained September 20, 1838; John H. Thyng, New-Hampton, ordained (when?).

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mem., July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removal.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson, Cong....	Nov. 25,	1772	Jesse Page.....	Sept. 1835	S. S.	26	57	83	22	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	1	131
Auburn, Cong.....	Jan. 1,	1843	James Holmes.....	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	26	45	71	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	125
Bedford, Pres.....		1750	Thomas Savage....	Aug. 9, 1822	July 5, 1826	45	97	142	5	4	2	6	5	2	0	7	1	5	200
Candia, Cong.....		1770	Ephraim M. Hidden	1841	Nov. 2, 1859	85	134	219	26	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	2	186
Chester, Cong.....	Oct. 20,	1731	J. L. Tomlinson....	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	54	107	161	27	0	2	2	4	3	0	7	0	2	140
Deerfield, Cong.....		1766	Vacant.	.....	.....	45	73	118	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....
Derry, 1st Ch.....		1719	Leonard S. Parker.	Dec. 16, 1857	Feb. 20, 1861	67	132	199	49	3	3	6	4	2	0	6	2	0	245
Derry, 1st Cong. Ch.	Aug. 3,	1837	E. G. Parsons.....	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	99	129	14	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	100
Dunbarton, Cong..	June 18,	1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	39	72	111	19	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	150
Goffstown, Cong...		1801	J. W. Ray.....	Jan. 28, 1858	Jan. 28, 1858	44	97	141	38	4	4	8	2	0	0	2	2	2	235
Hampstead, Cong..	June 3,	1752	Theodore C. Pratt..	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	20	62	82	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	137
Hooksett, Cong....		1828	M. Leffingwell....	July 7, 1844	S. S.	11	27	38	19	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	65
Hudson, Cong.....	Sept. 9,	1841	A. Richards, D. D..	.....	S. S.	9	36	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Litchfield, Pres.....	July 3,	1844	Rufus Case.....	May 5, 1842	S. S. Nov. 1862	4	11	15	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35
Londonderry, Pres.		1737	William House....	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	66	118	181	26	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	2	180
Manchester, 1st Ch.		1828	C. W. Wallace.....	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	108	294	402	90	6	10	16	11	8	0	19	2	4	522
Franklin St. Ch..	June 27,	1844	W. H. Fenn.....	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	55	196	251	0	5	2	7	0	8	0	8	0	0	351
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30,	1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	28	36	23	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	....
Presbyterian Ch..	Nov. 9,	1859	Geo. A. Bowman..	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S., 1859	5	16	21	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	40
Merrimack, 1st Ch..	Sept. 5,	1771	Edwin J. Hart.....	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	52	99	151	24	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	1	3	214
Pelham, 1st Cong...	Nov. 13,	1751	Augustus Berry....	Oct. 30, 1851	Oct. 30, 1851	24	66	90	18	1	5	6	2	1	0	3	1	0	200
Plaistow, & N. Hav.	Nov. 4,	1730	Homer Barrows....	June 1, 1836	S. S., 1859	21	68	89	7	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	2	11	60
Salem, Cong.....	Jan. 16,	1739	Geo. W. Rodgers..	.....	S. S.	21	69	90	11	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	23	0	75
Windham, Pres....		1742	Loren Thayer.....	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	41	86	127	8	3	0	3	4	0	0	4	2	4	200
Total.			Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 6.			903	2089	2992	470	63	36	99	58	38	0	96	40	39	3641

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained Feb. 7, 1816. Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Secretary of New-Hampshire Bible Society, ordained.

THEODORE C. PRATT, Hampstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	J. D. Potter		S.S., July 5, '63	6	23	29	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S.S. Feb. 1, '56	25	73	98	15	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	152
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			7	20	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Sept. 26, 1845	S.S. May 22, '48	20	62	82	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	180
Moultonboro', 1st.	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			8	21	29	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	..
Moultonboro', 2d.	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.	No report	obtained.	..	..	..	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, '48	26	44	70	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	55
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddell.	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15. 1860	49	91	140	24	4	2	6	3	0	0	3	4	1	165
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	9	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..
Wakefield,	1785	J. B. Tufts	August, 1855	S. S. Apr. 1, '61	11	32	43	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	75
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood	1840	S. S. Jan., 1859	18	42	60	12	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	70
Wolfboro' North.		Vacant.			6	14	20	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	..
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 1. S. S., 6.			179	441	620	97	14	3	21	13	9	0	17	8	4	882

S. H. RIDDELL, Tamworth, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis.	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	67	147	214	19	4	3	7	7	3	0	10	3	0	215
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	25	39	64	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	157
Hollis,	1743	Pliny B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	79	143	222	21	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	1	4	260
Mason, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	43	64	107	28	1	2	3	5	1	1	7	1	0	126
Mason, 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	Licentiate*		S. S.	25	59	84	11	0	1	1	3	8	8	19	0	2	90
Merrimack, South.	Oct. 21, 1829	Ed. F. Abbott	Aug. 1844	S. S.	12	26	38	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	106	170	276	44	7	3	10	7	5	2	14	3	2	432
Mont-Vernon,	Sept., 1780	G. E. Sanborne	Jan. 1, 1857	April 2, 1862	35	91	126	29	2	0	2	5	4	0	9	2	3	180
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	C. J. Hill	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	97	354	451	98	4	3	7	0	4	0	4	2	4	529
Olive Street Ch.	Oct. 26, 1834	A. Richards, D.D. / Gustavus D. Pike	Nov. 7, 1827 / April 23, 1862	April 6, 1836 / Apr. 23, 1862	83	171	254	38	10	8	18	10	25	159	184	7	1	275
Pearl Street Ch.	Sept. 3, 1846	Benj. F. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	50	140	190	30	2	2	4	0	3	0	3	2	1	273
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler	March 12, 1862	March 12, 1862	78	164	242	25	3	7	10	9	7	3	19	3	0	150
Rindge, 1st Ch.	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham, D.D.	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	73	197	200	12	0	1	1	8	4	1	13	0	4	330
Temple,	Oct. 2. 1771	George Goodyear	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	30	65	95	20	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	140
East Wilton,	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	42	84	126	21	0	1	1	1	3	2	6	0	2	160
Total, 15.		Pastors, 13. S. S., 2.			845	1841	2689	426	36	35	71	61	69	176	296	24	23	3378

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; E. M. Kellogg, Barre, Mass., ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Joseph B. Hill, Temple, ordained Aug. 1830; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819.

LICENTIATE. Edward E. Herrick, July 22, 1862, Chaplain in the Army.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*M. N. Root, licensed by Windham Association, Vt.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	Vacant.			28	82	120	18	1	1	2	8	1	0	9	0	0	80
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			13	28	41	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	27	61	88	13	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	3	1	100
Canterbury,	Oct. 12, 1790	Josiah L. Arms	June 25, 1846	S. S.	39	50	89	19	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	100
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1830	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	61	169	230	35	1	0	1	2	3	1	6	1	2	175
Concord, East	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	31	64	95	17	0	2	2	5	1	1	7	0	0	170
Concord, South	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	107	224	331	40	12	5	17	2	1	0	3	1	2	440
Concord, West	April, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June 1828	April 23, 1833	63	127	190	31	1	3	4	5	1	0	6	0	0	150
Danbury,	1800	L. Little	Nov. 19, 1862	S. S.	33	40	73	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	3	60
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	28	58	86	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	198
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	93	137	41	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	46	120	166	45	2	4	6	4	1	1	6	2	4	*250
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	16	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. W. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	75	105	180	25	11	1	12	6	4	0	10	6	0	105
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	41	92	133	27	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	0	0	162
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	W. W. Condit	1850	S. S.	22	50	72	7	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	60
Sanborn't'n, Nor'fi'ld	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1848	Oct. 5, 1843	52	130	182	40	1	2	3	3	0	3	6	1	1	170
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Vacant.			22	55	77	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	85
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	59	90	149	29	2	0	2	4	1	1	6	0	5	196
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden	Jan. 12, 1856	S. S.	21	31	52	4	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	76
Total, 21.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 11. S. S., 5.			833	1621	2454	418	41	25	66	56	25	7	88	17	18	1787

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained Sept. 26, 1804; Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1860; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833.

LICENTIATE. Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, Oct. 18, 1848.

E. O. JAMESON, East Concord, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* Including Branch Schools.

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	1802	D. McClenning.	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	9	21	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Colebrook,	Nov. 30, 1802	C. F. Page.	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S.,	18	37	55	12	5	3	8	2	0	0	2	2	0	82
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Vacant.			9	26	35	6	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Franconia,	1814	D. McClenning.	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	6	12	18	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Gorham,	March 18, 1862	Geo. F. Tewksbury	Jan. 31, 1838	S. S.,	6	25	31	6	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	65
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay.	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	39	93	132	10	7	2	9	5	1	0	6	4	2	115
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
W. Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			12	21	33	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	50
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 3.	Pastors, 1.	S. S., 3.	99	240	339	48	17	7	24	10	5	0	15	7	2	585

HOSEA ALDRICH, Esq., Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Daniel Sawyer.	Aug. 13, 1846	S. S., 1860	17	33	50	27	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	65
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S., 1860	4	14	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Alstead, New	1788	William Claggett.	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S., 1861	29	55	84	25	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80
Chesterfield,	1777	Jeffries Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S., 1858	7	27	34	7	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	60
Dublin,	1772	Oscar Bissell	May 14, 1856	S. S., 1861	7	23	30	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	43
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	50	107	157	9	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	261
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams,	April 28, 1840	March19, 1851	14	26	40	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	95
Harrisville,	1840	Alanson Rawson		S. S., 1862	11	28	39	17	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	117
Hinsdale,	1821	M. H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	45	79	134	11	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	2	1	110
Jaffrey,	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	31	84	115	27	7	6	13	5	2	0	1	0	1	150
Jaffrey, East	1860	Cyrus W. Allen	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S., 1863	22	44	66	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	96
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	71	266	337	20	11	8	19	3	2	0	5	6	6	397
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S., 1840	30	74	104	25	3	7	10	3	0	0	3	3	0	175
Nelson,	1781	Jairus Ordway	April 26, 1848	S. S., 1861	43	65	108	27	16	7	23	1	2	0	3	13	2	190
Roxbury,	1816	George Kemp		S. S., 1863	2	10	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	45
Stoddard,	1787	Samuel L. Gerould	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	5	31	36	6	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	1	50
Sullivan,	1792	Nelson Barbour	Dec., 1836	S. S., 1861	28	50	78	10	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	100
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	20	46	66	7	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	1	2	155
Surry,	1769	Vacant.			2	10	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Troy,	1815	Tho's E. Roberts	1861	S. S., 1862	19	35	54	16	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	123
Walpole,	1761	Vacant.			18	76	94	7	5	2	7	2	1	0	3	4	0	148
Westmoreland,	1764	S. Bixby	June 30, 1853	S. S., 1863	29	69	98	20	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	95
" Evang.	1853	Edward B. Bassett.	1857	S. S., 1862	5	22	27	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	40
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	61	107	168	35	0	3	3	4	2	1	7	0	0	260
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 9.	S. S., 14.	570	1381	1951	321	55	43	98	43	36	1	80	34	16	2929

WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1831; F. D. Austin, East Jaffrey, ordained June 23, 1853; John M. Stowe, Walpole, ordained Jan. 31, 1855.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe*. M. K. WELLS, Hinsdale, *Statistical Scribe*.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1778	Vacant.			30	94	124	35	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	140
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			7	19	26	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0
Dorchester	1828	Vacant.			7	12	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson..	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858	56	128	184	43	2	1	3	3	3	0	6	0	4	139
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	B. Smith.		S. S.,	32	68	100	24	1	5	6	2	1	0	3	0	0	55
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	127	225	352	31	17	4	21	8	8	1	17	7	0	215
Littleton	1803	Charles E. Milliken	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	33	94	127	16	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	200
Orford, West	April 30, 1822	M. T. Runnells.		S. S.,	21	46	67	13	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	234
Orford, Union	Aug. 27, 1770	Wm. S. Spaulding.	1848	S. S.,	18	35	53	2	10	5	15	3	4	0	7	3	1	95
Piermont,	March 10, 1803	A. L. Marden.	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	49	85	134	22	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	118
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Licentiate		S. S.,	13	53	66	1	4	2	6	2	3	0	5	3	2	300
Total, 11.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 4. S. S., 4.			393	859	1252	190	36	23	59	30	24	1	55	14	9	1496

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; S. M. Blanchard, Wentworth, ordained Oct. 27, 1858.

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Pickett, Wentworth; William R. Joslyn, Dalton.

J. D. EMERSON, Haverhill, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1755	Charles Willey	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S.Sept. 1859	13	35	48	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	80
Brentwood,	Reorg. 1756	Hugh McLeod	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	20	57	77	12	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	0	100
Dover, 1st Ch.,	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	52	198	250	45	5	1	6	6	0	0	6	5	1	236
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	James B. Thornton	June 4, 1851	S. S. Dec. 1861	14	47	61	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	90
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	11	52	63	10	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	78
Exeter, 1st Ch.,	1638; R. 1698	Elias Nason	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	40	126	166	33	6	1	7	2	2	0	4	2	0	198
Exeter, 2d Ch.,	Jan. 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	33	106	139	5	0	2	2	3	3	0	6	0	0	288
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S. Ju.6, 1851	14	22	36	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	114
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	9	31	40	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	117
Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	50	133	183	26	13	6	19	3	7	0	10	10	1	250
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	51	66	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Hampton,	1638	John Colby	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	66	138	204	23	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	151
H.Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.			12	12	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge	April 4, 1838	S.S.Dec.1, 1862	4	20	24	0	3	3	6	2	0	0	1	1	0	110
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	10	34	44	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	135
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	30	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	S. D. Bowker	Oct. 17, 1860	S. S., 1863	19	39	58	12	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	Vacant.			60	96	156	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	190
Portsmouth,	1671	Geo. M. Adams	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	75	224	299	53	2	2	4	3	4	0	2	2	6	200
Raymond,	1791	Geo. W. Sargent	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	64	89	153	17	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	5	148
Rochester,	1737	James M. Palmer	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	20	97	117	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	27	73	100	9	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.			14	64	78	48	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	66
South-Newmarket,	1730	Elias Chapman	Nov. 26, 1845	S.S. Dec. 1862	7	19	26	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	2	0	60
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles	June 28, 1860	June 28, 1860	14	35	49	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	80
Total, 25.		Vacant Churches, 3.	Pastors, 15.	S. S., 7.	672	1828	2500	369	41	18	59	46	29	0	75	30	18	3202

Sabbath Schools in Newington and Lee, 160. Total, 3362

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840.

John LeBosquet preaches at Newington. Sabbath School, 75.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore preaches at Lee. Sabbath School, 85.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath S chool.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	March 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	62	100	162	19	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	3	155
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	*			14	41	55	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55
Claremont,	1780	Vacant.			61	145	206	56	1	4	5	4	6	0	10	0	3	150
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spalding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	26	39	65	210	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			18	18	26	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			12	22	34	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	40
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	11	19	30	7	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.,	10	27	37	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	47	102	149	5	6	2	8	5	4	0	9	2	1	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Augustus Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	S.S.Ap'l 28,'61	34	53	87	21	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	4	60
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			12	15	27	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	40	67	107	20	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	73	140	213	42	2	2	4	3	4	0	7	0	4	170
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			3	14	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.,	3	24	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	50
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 7. Pastors, 6. S. S., 3.			416	826	1242	246	12	11	23	28	26	0	54	5	17	1180

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden, Chaplain in the Army, ordained (when?).

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Richards, Meriden; A. C. Field, South Acworth.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* A. F. Shattuck, a Licentiate, supplies statedly.

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,.....	July 23, 1804	William O. Carr,..	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Sept.1,'60	52	83	135	59	11	1	12	4	2	0	6	9	2	140
Chichester,'.....	1791	Joshua S. Gay,....	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S.Aug.1,'57	38	60	98	29	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	92
Epsom,.....	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,..	May 29, 1855	S. S. 1860	30	50	80	6	4	0	4	1	2	1	4	1	0	100
Gilmanton, 1st Ch,.	1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	*9	*15	*24	*12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iron Works,.	Sept. 20, 1830	Dana B. Bradford,.	June 13, 1838	S.S.Aug.1,'62	29	46	75	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	80
Loudon,.....	Jan. 28, 1863	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.July 1,'62	18	33	51	2	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	102
Northwood,.....	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay,.....	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	50	88	138	14	0	3	3	4	0	0	5	0	0	160
Nottingham,.....	1840	Jacob Hood,.....	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S. 1858	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pittsfield,.....	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Lyman Morton,.	Jan. 29, 1863	S. S. Jan. 1863	48	113	161	60	1	2	3	1	1	34	36	0	2	100
Total, 9.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 1. S. S., 7.			276	491	767	194	17	12	29	13	6	35	54	11	5	849

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Pittsfield, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817.

JOSHUA S. GAY, Chichester, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*As reported last year.

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates,.....	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	44	84	128	12	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	8	135
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	E. H. Caswell,.....	June 18, 1848	S. S., 1861	15	44	59	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	85
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	30	39	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75
Francestown, ...	1773	Charles Cutler,.....	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	95	175	270	52	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	8	390
Greenfield, Cong...	Nov. 20, 1839	Lyman Marshall,..	Oct. 8, 1856	S.S.July, 1860	47	74	121	17	10	5	15	0	1	0	1	8	15	135
Greenfield, Evang..	Jan. 7, 1834	Daniel Goodhue,..	May 2, 1848	S.S.Mar., 1860	27	45	72	32	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	108
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,...	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	59	92	151	20	1	4	5	3	2	1	6	1	1	293
Hillsboro' Bridge...	May 29, 1839	Harry Brickett,....	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1857	17	53	70	8	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	1	1	127
Hillsboro' Center,..	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,.....	June, 1841	S. S., 1861	17	35	52	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60
Lyndeborough,....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,.....	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	52	71	123	17	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	0	2	185
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell,....	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	38	100	138	36	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	3	250
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,....	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	38	82	120	1	21	4	25	2	0	0	2	10	1	250
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 6. S. S., 5.			458	885	1343	220	38	21	59	23	14	1	38	22	41	2093

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel C. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

The fiftieth anniversary of this Association was celebrated at Francestown, Nov. 11, 1862. An historical discourse was delivered by Rev. E. B. Claggett. This, with other exercises, rendered the occasion highly interesting and profitable.

13. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,..	June 18, 1850	July 10, 1861	110	142	252	125	10	8	18	1	12	0	13	4	2	85
West Lebanon,....	Nov. 8, 1849	John H. Edwards,.	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	32	55	87	15	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	2	2	151
Total, 2.*		Vacant Churches, 0. Pastors, 2.			142	197	339	140	12	12	24	3	14	0	17	6	4	236

WITHOUT CHARGE. Prof. Charles A. Aiken, S. G. Brown, D. D., Prof. Henry Fairbanks, David Kimball, D. J. Noyes, D. D.

D. J. NOYES, Hanover, *Statistical Scribe.*

* Associated with ten churches in Vermont.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,.....	4	12	6	1	3	10	0	284	583	867	181	24	9	33	25	7	1	33	13	18	954
2. Derry&Manch'r	3	24	15	6	2	23	0	903	2089	2992	470	63	36	99	58	38	0	96	40	39	3641
3. Harmony,.....	5	12	1	6	0	7	0	179	441	620	97	14	3	17	13	9	0	22	8	4	832
4. Hollis,.....	0	15	14	2	7	23	1	845	1844	2689	426	36	35	71	61	69	176	296	24	23	3378
5. Hopkinton, ...	4	21	11	6	6	23	1	833	1621	2454	418	41	25	66	56	25	7	88	17	18	2787
6. Lancaster, ...	3	8	1	3	0	4	0	99	240	339	48	17	7	24	10	5	0	15	7	2	585
7. Monadnock,...	2	24	9	14	4	27	0	570	1381	1951	321	55	43	98	43	36	1	80	34	16	2929
8. Orange,.....	3	11	4	4	2	10	1	593	859	1252	190	36	23	59	30	24	1	35	14	9	1496
9. Piscataqua, ...	3	25	15	7	3	25	1	672	1828	2500	369	41	18	59	46	29	0	74	30	18	3362
10. Sullivan,.....	7	15	6	3	1	10	2	416	826	1242	246	12	11	23	27	22	9	58	5	17	1180
11. Suncook,.....	1	9	1	7	3	11	0	276	491	767	194	17	12	29	13	6	35	54	11	5	849
12. Union,.....	1	12	6	5	1	12	0	458	885	1343	220	38	21	59	23	14	1	38	22	41	2093
13. White River,...	0	2	2	0	6	8	0	142	197	339	140	12	12	24	3	14	0	17	6	4	236
Total, 13.	36	190	91	64	38	193	6	6070	13285	19355	3310*	406	256	661	408	298	231	936	231	212	24292

* Absentees are not additional to the total, being included in *males* and *females*.

REMARKS.

For the sake of economy in printing and postage, the Minutes are presented this year in smaller type, and the subsequent articles are somewhat compressed. If the statistical tables should be arranged by counties, or, better still, by conferences, the labor of type setting might be still farther abridged. The tables this year embrace full reports from all the churches, save two. The returns, with an exception mentioned below, are reliable; and more than half of the District Associations furnish reports in a condition to be forwarded to the press.

ASSOCIATIONS. The pastors of the churches at West Lebanon and Dartmouth College having united with the White River Association of Vermont, these churches are now represented in a distinct table; making thirteen Associations in the State.

CHURCHES. The two churches in Loudon being united, we now report one hundred and ninety churches; one less than last year.

MEMBERS. The whole number of members reported is 19,355, or 585 less than last year. Additions — by profession, 406; by letter, 256; total, 661. Removals — by death, 407; by dismission, 298; by exclusion, 231; total, 936. The large number under the head of excluded is explained by the action of the Olive Street Church in Nashua, and the Congregational church in Pittsfield, revising their catalogues in accordance with the recommendation of the General Association at Hampton, in 1858. They report 200 less members than in 1862. Should other churches, that have neglected the duty, be persuaded to make a thorough revision of their church membership, reporting only persons who are known to be living, we might hope to see an increase in the totals of our Annual Summary. With ignorance and carelessness in the reports of a few churches, the whole summary is vitiated. The attention of pastors and statistical scribes is again directed to this subject, in hope that the reports of all the Associations in 1864 may be full and correct.

DEATHS. 1862, October 3, Rev. Ambrose Smith, Boscawen, aged 42; October 22, Rev. Andrew Rankin, Danbury, aged 66; October 24, Rev. William Patrick, Boscawen, aged 90. 1863, March 24, Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, aged 86.

DISMISSIONS AND REMOVALS. 1861, October 29, Rev. George E. Fisher from the church in Mason Village; November 24, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, from the church in Alton. 1862, January 24, Rev. R. F. Lawrence, from the church in Claremont; January 21, Rev. William L. Gage, from the North church in Portsmouth; February 15, Rev. S. M. J. Lord, from the church in Enfield; March 25, Rev. Uzal W. Condit, from the church in Deerfield; May 19, Rev. James B. Hadley, from the church in Campton.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS. 1861, November 19, Mr. Levi Little, as an Evangelist, at Webster. 1862, January 21, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, over the church at Plymouth; Feb. 3, Mr. John H. Edwards, over the church at West Lebanon; June 3, Rev. George M. Adams, over the North church, Portsmouth.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The number of scholars reported is 24,292, or 413 less than last year. This falling off in attendance is to be attributed in part to the enlistment of young men in the army, and in part to the discontinuance of public worship in

some of the feebler churches. In the stronger churches the members have, in many instances, increased, and mission-schools are maintained with encouraging prospects of usefulness.

CATALOGUE. The Catalogue contains the names and post-office address of all ministers connected with the local associations; also the names of other Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, whenever they could be obtained.

CONFERENCES. The tabular statement is omitted this year because the materials to complete the tables have not in a single instance been furnished. I subjoin such particulars as I have been able to gather, with the sums assessed on each Conference for 1864.

CHESHIRE. Twenty-five churches. Meets on the second Wednesday of June. Rev. E. Adams, of Gilsum, Clerk; Dea. Asa Duren, of Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

GRAFTON. Twenty-two churches. Time of meeting unknown. Rev. A. L. Marden, of Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

HILLSBOROUGH. Thirty-four churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, of Hollis, Clerk; Elias Russell, Esq., of Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $22; contributions, $10,017.81; legacies, $1,651.14; total, $11,668.95.

LANCASTER. Seven churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. P. Fay, of Lancaster, acting Clerk. Assessment, $2.

MERRIMACK. Twenty-four churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, of Henniker, Clerk; George Hutchins, Esq., of Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $16.

ROCKINGHAM. Thirty-one churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, of Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, of Exeter, Treasurer. Assessment, $18.

STRAFFORD. Twenty-eight churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, of Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $13; contributions, $1,903.19.

SULLIVAN. Thirteen churches. Meets fourth Wednesday of June. Rev. A. Chandler, Lempster, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq., of Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $7.

Houses of worship have been repaired at Piermont and Orford. I regret that the request made for information in the Minutes of 1862, has not elicited a response from every Conference. It is important that the officers of each Conference, and the time and place of meeting, should be published in the Minutes. Will not the clerks, who have charge of the records of these bodies, furnish these items for 1864, without farther solicitation? I should be happy to enlarge the annual summary, by printing the sum of charities, and other facts of historical value. In the absence of a State paper devoted to the interests of our churches, the Minutes furnish the only ecclesiastical record we possess. Is it not worth some pains and expense to make the publication complete in every department?

J. G. DAVIS, *Statistical Secretary.*

Amherst, October 2, 1863.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott Edward F., South Merrimack. 4.
Adams Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 7.
Adams George M., Portsmouth. 9.
Adams John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover. 13.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Allen Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 7.
Amsden S. H., Wilmot. 5.
Arms Josiah L., Canterbury. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 7.
Ayer Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barbour Nelson, Sullivan. 7.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 8.
Barrows Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 7.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Bassett Edward B., Westmoreland. 7.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Berry Augustus, Pelham. 2.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Bixby S., Westmoreland. 7.
Blake Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 1.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 10.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 2.
Bowker S. D., Newmarket. 9.
Bradford Samuel C., Francestown. 12.
Bradford Dana B., Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 11.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Burt Edmund, Gorham. 6.
Butterfield H. Q., Great Falls. 9.
Buxton Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr William O., Barnstead Parade. 11.
Case Rufus, Derry. 2.
Caswell Enoch H., Bennington. 12.
Chandler Augustus, Lempster. 10.
Chapman Elias, South Newmarket. 9.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett William, New-Alstead. 7.
Clark John, Bridgewater. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Colby John, Hampton. 9.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Salisbury. 8.
Cook E. W., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler Calvin, New-Ipswich. 4.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Doldt James, Milton. 3.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan Thomas W., Nelson. 7.
Dustan George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards J. H., West Lebanon. 13.
Eldridge Erasmus D., Kensington. 9.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks Henry, Hanover. 13.
Fay Henry C., West Northwood. 11.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fenn William H., Manchester. 2.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 10.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 8.
Gerould Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 12.
Goodhue N., Center-Harbor.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Haley Frank, Enfield. 10.
Hamilton John A., Keene. 7.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2.
Hayward Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hazen H. A., Plymouth. 1.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.
Hill Joseph B., Temple. 4.
Hills James D., Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood J. Augustine, Loudon Center. 11.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 7.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jaquith Andrew, Langdon. 10.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett William R., Fisherville. 5.
Jones Isaac, Derry 2.

Kemp George, Roxbury. 7.
Kendall Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 13.
Kimball Reuben, North Conway. 3.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 9.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 10.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 9.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Leeds Samuel P., Hanover. 13.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Little Levi, Danbury. 5.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 12.
McClenning Daniel, Bethlehem. 6.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 9.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 9.
Miles Edward C., Stratham. 9.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Morton John L., Pittsfield. 11.
Nason Elias, Exeter. 9.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Ordway Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 9.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page Caleb F., Colebrook. 6.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 9.
Park H. G., Hancock. 12.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parsons Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Peffers A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pike Gustavus D., Nashua. 4.
Pratt Theodore C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 13.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Rawson Alanson, Harrisville. 7.
Ray John W., Manchester. 2.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 9.
Riddell Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Rogers George W., Salem. 2.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 9.
Roberts Thomas E., Troy. 7.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sanborne George E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Spaulding William S., Orfordville. 8.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe John M., Walpole. 7.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 8.
Tewksbury George F., Gorham. 6.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 8.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 9.
Thornton James B., Dover. 9.
Tomlinson J. L., Chester. 2.
Thyng John H., New-Hampton. 1.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 9.
Tufts Joseph B., Wakefield. 3.
Utley Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 7.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July.
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.
Grafton and Coös,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
†Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education
‡Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

General Association of New-Hampshire,

HELD AT MANCHESTER, AUGUST, 1864;

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1864.

REMARKS.

The number of churches (194) connected with the Association is unchanged. The second church in Moultonborough, "virtually extinct," is omitted in the tables, and Sandwich North, not reported last year, is introduced. The whole number added to the churches during the year ending with the 30th of June is 1145; 815 by profession, and 317 by letter; a net gain of 508; making a total membership of 19,883. The Sabbath Schools report 23,783 members, or 500 less than last yea. Other particulars may be learned from the summary. The arrangement remains unchanged. Names and ages of deceased ministers, ordinations and changes in the pastoral office are mentioned in the Narrative of the State of Religion. The Catalogue is revised and corrected up to the time of going to press.

I have made some effort to ascertain the amount of the contributions to benevolent societies, reported by the several conferences during the year, but without success. From official sources it appears that in twelve months ending in June, the N. H. Bible Society received from New-Hampshire $5,487.04; Tract Society, instituted 1814 at Boston, from N. H., $1,737.38; legacies $207.50; Tract Society, New-York, $82.05; legacies $25.40; N. H. Missionary Society, $5,836.07; American Home Missionary Society $1,720.54, American Board Foreign Mission $10,271.63. The record of these sums may be useful for reference at a future period.

As the expense of publication is more than double that of former years, I have found it necessary to condense and abridge the Minutes and the accompanying reports, so as to bring the whole within the compass of thirty-two pages. By this means the Association will be saved from a serious and unexpected debt. As a new arrangement of the tables will be introduced next year, when the statistics of the churches are to be returned by conferences, it will not, perhaps, be deemed improper for me to offer a few suggestions, which will diminish the expense of printing and facilitate the methods for my successor. First: Whatever the plan adopted by the statistical secretary for collecting returns in 1865, let the ecclesiastical year, thereafter, begin with June and end with the 31st of May. Second, Let the reports of Widows' Charitable Fund, and of the Treasurer be made to the Association in *detail*, and suitably audited: but publish only the officers and amount of funds belonging to the former, and only a summary of receipts and expenditures by the latter. Third, As the expense of publishing, both the Minutes and the N. H. Home Missionary reports, is defrayed by the churches—and this expense is now double that of former periods, and not likely to diminish—let the two documents be published under one cover. This would diminish costs in several ways, save postage, and bring together all that is essential to an intelligent survey of our ecclesiastical and religious condition. This practice prevails in Vermont and Connecticut with evident advantage. Fourth, let every pastor, or church clerk, make an immediate and careful revision of the membership of the church in his charge, as the basis of his next annual report. Without this revision the Association may as well abandon the publication of the statistics, and save the costs. No pains on the part of the statistical secretary, and his assistants, can remove the errors and confusion consequent upon inaccuracy in the original numbers. To illustrate the magnitude of this error and its consequences, please read and inwardly digest the following statements, gathered from the figures printed by the Association in the last seven years. In August, 1858, we reported church members, total, twenty-one thousand two hundred and forty-four (21,244); July 1, 1864, total membership, nineteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-three (19,863), apparent loss, one thousand three hundred and eighty-one (1,381). Compare with this result the summary of additions and removals for the same period. In seven years, additions reported, by profession, four thousand four hundred and ten (4,410); by letter, two thousand four hundred and forty (2,440); making a total of six thousand eight hundred and fifty. The removals in the same period, by death, dismission and exclusion, amount to five thousand eight hundred and thirty-four (5,834), leaving a balance of additions of one thousand three hundred and eighty-one (1,381). This last sum represents the actual excess of additions over removals. Why this great discrepancy between these two methods of computation? The last is unquestionably the more accurate. The churches have enlarged their numbers by more than thirteen hundred members; but the summary, taking the total of 1858 as the basis of comparison, presents a falling off in the membership of an equal number. The catalogue of the churches (if such were kept) are at fault; and the names of dead and missing have been reported alive and fit for service. The same fault still exists. From laziness or negligence returns are made from a false and shifting basis. To correct the error, a new census must be taken; and if names are dropped, let the number be stated under the head of *excluded*, that the balance of the columns may be maintained. By this means the annoying errors of the past may be avoided, and the summary will become intelligible and truthful. Fifth, If any pastor, or church clerk, is going to the army, or on a tour of the west, let him place the records of his church in the hands of a competent person, with directions to forward a correct report to the statistical scribe of the Conference in which he resides. This will save many delays and much vexation of spirit.

With thanks to my associates, the scribes, and others, who have aided me by valuable correspondence, commending, also, the patience and care of our excellent printers, Messrs. McFarland & Jenks, I submit the foregoing as my final report.

Amherst, October 19, 1864. J. G. DAVIS, *Stat. S.*

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

General Association of New-Hampshire,

HELD AT MANCHESTER, AUGUST, 1864:

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD:
PRINTED BY McFARLAND & JENKS.
1864.

APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1865.

Annual Meeting at Newport, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon from the Piscataqua Association.

Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Henry Cummings, of Newport; Rev. Amos Blanchaad, and S. B. Duncan, Esq., of Meriden.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. E. B. Cook, of Hopkinton, and Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Letter, Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, and Rev. Alvan Tobey, of Durham.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec. 4: Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth, Hon. Tho's J. Melvin, of Chester, and Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. E. G. Parsons; substitute, Rev. Wm. T. Savage.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk. Dea. Asa Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

Grafton, 22 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

Hillsborough, 35 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June at New-Ipswich. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk. George Swain, Esq., Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $22. Contributions, $12,334.47; legacies, $808.66. Total, $13,143.13.

Coos, 8 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. P. Fay, of Lancaster, Clerk. Assessment, $2.

Merrimack, 25 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, of Henniker, Clerk; Geo. Hutchins, Esq., of Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $16.

Rockingham, 32 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, of Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, of Exeter, Treasurer. Assessment, $18.

Strafford, 30 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, of Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $13.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. A. Chandler, Lempster, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq., Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $7.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of New-Hampshire assembled at the Franklin street church, Manchester, on Tuesday, August 23d, A. D. 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., of Lyme, from Zec. 12: 14.

After the sermon, the preacher took the chair. The credentials of Delegates were read, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—William R. Jewett, Liba Conant.
Derry and Manchester—E. G. Parsons, J. W. Ray, T. C. Pratt.
Harmony—Reuben Kimball.
Hollis—B. F. Parsons, Austin Richards, D. D.
Hopkinton—William T. Savage, C. F. Abbott, J. L. Arms, S. H. Amsden.
Piscataqua—A. Tobey, J. M. Palmer, G. W. Sargent.
Sullivan—E. T. Rowe, Henry Cummings.
Monadnock—M. H. Wells, T. W. Duncan.
Orange—J. D. Emerson, B. Smith.
Suncook—Henry C. Fay.
White River—Samuel P. Leeds, Hanover.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—William Smith.
Grafton—Dea. Samuel Wood, of West Lebanon.
Hillsborough—Dea. William Jones, of Lyndeborough; Stephen Holt, of Francestown; Dea. James French, of Bedford.
Merrimack—Dea. David Locke, Epsom.
Rockingham—Deacons James Perkins, of Hampton; David Lane, of Raymond; Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.
Strafford—Dea. Jonathan Brown, of Gilmanton; Hon. George M. Herring, of Farmington.
Sullivan—S. B. Duncan, Esq., Meriden.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

Maine General Conference—Rev. Americus Fuller, of Hallowell.
Massachusetts General Association—Revs. E. W. Noble, of Truro; M. S. Howard, of Dartmouth.
New-York General Association—Rev. M. E. Strieby, New-York City.
Vermont General Association—Rev. G. I. Bard, of Waterford.
Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. D. C. Frink, of Melbourne, C. E.

EX OFFICIIS.

Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Secretary. Revs. William H. Fenn and C. W. Wallace, Manchester.

The Association was then organized by the choice of Rev. Wm. T. Savage, Moderator; Rev. J. D. Emerson, Scribe; Rev. T. C. Pratt, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. E. G. Parsons and Horace Webster, Esq., with Rev. Messrs. Wallace and Fenn, were chosen Committee of Arrangements.

Revs. B. Smith and A. Tobey, with Dea. James French,—Committee on Nominations.

Adjourned to 1½ o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 1½ o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Proceeded with the choice of committees.

On Narratives for 1865—Revs. E. W. Cook and J. M. R. Eaton.

Of Inquiry—Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth; Hon. Thos. J. Melvin, of Chester, and Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.

Voted, That all clergymen and lay members of our churches present, be invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

An invitation was read from Brooks Shattuck, Esq., Superintendent of the State Reform School, desiring the Association to visit that Institution during the session, if practicable. The Association voted to accept the invitation.

An overture, proposing a new plan for the arrangement of our statistics, from Strafford Conference, was received, and referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. E. W. Cook and B. P. Stone, D. D.

A resolution on the enlargement of membership of this Association was referred to Revs. E. G. Parsons and A. P. Tenney, as a committee, with instructions to report before the close of our meetings.

The following persons were chosen a committee to report resolutions on the state of the country, namely: Revs. J. W. Ray, M. H. Wells, and Hon. Geo. M. Herring.

2½ *o'clock.* Association entered on the regular religious service of the afternoon. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bouton.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was presented by Rev. Alvan Tobey, when Rev. H. E. Parker, by request, addressed the Association on the occasions of gratitude, furnished by this review of God's mercies to our churches. A prayer of thanksgiving was then offered, the assembly uniting in fervent praise, with Rev. Thomas Savage, who was invited to lead in this service.

The Pastoral Letter, read by Rev. J. D. Emerson, was adopted, and ordered to be published with the Narrative.

Christian salutations were received, through their delegates, from the General Conference of Maine, General Association of New-York, and Congregational Union of Canada.

The services concluded with prayer by Rev. A. Bond, D. D., of Norwich, Conn.

Voted, That the Association adjourn till 9 o'clock, Wednesday A. M.

Sung the Doxology in L. M.

Tuesday Evening. Religious services, conducted by Rev. William T. Savage. Prayer by Rev. D. C. Frink, of Melbourne, C. E. Addresses by Rev. M. E. Strieby, John R. Adams, D. D., chaplain of 5th Maine Regiment, and Charles Demond, Esq., Boston, in behalf of the Christian Commission.

Sung the Doxology.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock, A. M.* Prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. John K. Young, D.D. At the close a collection was taken for Rev. Mr. Morey, of Bennington, a loyal minister, destitute and sick, who was driven from Tennessee, at the outbreak of the Rebellion, because of his attachment to the Union.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. W. Cook.

Roll called.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary: From the General Association of Iowa, the General Association of California, and from the Congregational Conference of Ohio.

Revs. Messrs. Howard and Noble, from the General Association of Massachusetts, and Rev. G. I. Bard, from the General Convention of Vermont, presented the salutations of their respective bodies.

Overtures from the Congregational Conference of Ohio, respecting a National Congregational Convention, was received, and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

Committee of Arrangements recommended Newport as the place of the next meeting. Sermon, by a member of Piscataqua Association. Preacher before the Communion, Rev. E. G. Parsons. Substitute, Rev. William T. Savage. Auditor, Rev. William Clark.

The Association concurred with this recommendation, and then gave place to reports from benevolent societies.

Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Treasurer, made report of the finances of the New-Hampshire Bible Society, in behalf of which Rev. I. Willey, the Secretary, made an address.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood spoke in behalf of the American Tract Society, New-York.

Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seaman's Friend Society, followed by Rev. I. P. Langworthy, for the Congregational Union.

Rev. W. H. Whittemore, agent of the N. H. Branch of the Freedmen's Relief Association, and Rev. M. E. Strieby, spoke in behalf of the colored population of the Southern States, who have recently been emancipated, their claims and prospects.

The Association united in singing the 1134th Hymn.

Rev. William Warren made an address in behalf of the American Board.

Public services closed with prayer by Rev. James Aiken, of Hanover, Mass.

Report of Committee on State Paper, by Rev. J. W. Ray, was read and accepted.

Voted, That the committee continue their services for another year, and that they be remunerated for their labors.

Voted, To adjourn to Hanover street church, at 1½ o'clock.

HANOVER STREET CHURCH, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted.

Voted, To print six hundred copies of the Minutes. Also, to raise one hundred dollars through the County Conferences.

The committee to whom was referred the overture from Strafford Conference concerning statistics, submitted a report, approving the reasons presented in that paper for a change in the arrangement of the tables, and conclude by advising that the statistics of the churches, which are printed with the Minutes of the Association, be arranged hereafter by Conferences, instead of Associations, as heretofore. The report was adopted, and Rev. Mr. Jewett was instructed to propose such changes in the Constitution and Rules as may be necessary to carry the above vote into effect.

The Committee on State paper, at their own request, were discharged.

Voted, That the subject be referred to a new committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund was made and accepted.

The report of the committee appointed last year, relating to raising funds for the relief of indigent and disabled Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers, was read, and laid on the table.

2½ *o'clock.* The Association gave place to the New-Hampshire Education Society, Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., President, in the chair. Devotional exercises by Rev. E. H. Greeley, of Methuen, Mass. Sung 1062d hymn. Report of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society was read by the Secretary, Rev. Samuel P. Leeds. Addresses by Rev. D. P. Noyes, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, New-York, and Rev. Asa D. Smith, LL. D., President of Dartmouth College.

A communication was received from the mayor of the city, Hon. Frederick Smyth, offering free conveyance to all members of the Association who wished to visit the Reform School.

The Association voted to accept the invitation, and visit the State Reform School to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

The following persons were chosen a committee to act in reference to a State paper: Revs. E. G. Parsons, Wm. T. Savage, A. D. Smith, LL. D., S. P. Leeds, N. Bouton, D. D.

Voted to adjourn till 7 o'clock P. M.

Wednesday evening. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. F. D. Ayer. Proceeded to the discussion of the following questions, which had been selected for the evening:

1. Are the labors of Evangelists, as known among our churches, in addition to those of their Pastors, or Stated Ministers, needful, or, on the whole, useful; and is there any scriptural sanction for the same?
2. Have the American Churches, as such, any duty to perform, in the present national crisis, toward obtaining a more explicit acknowledgement of God, as the Supreme Ruler, in the forms of our civil constitutions?
3. Is the system of benevolent contributions, now in general use, capable of being rendered more efficient and productive; and if so, in what way?

Rev. Messrs. Stearns, B. Smith, Adams and Tobey, participated in the discussion. Closed with prayer by Rev. H. E. Parker.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Rev. S. P. Leeds. Roll was called and minutes read by the Scribe.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of enlarging the basis of membership of the Association proposed the following amendments to the Constitution, which were severally adopted:

That Art. 2d of the Constitution be amended by adding, after the word "association," in the last line but one, these words, namely: "members of the committees that report to it."

Art. 7, sec. 1. After "appointed" insert "annually." Strike out the word "session," in the third line, and insert, "next annual meeting."

Sec. 2—add, "this shall be a permanent committee, one new member retiring, and one new member being chosen each year."

Rev. Mr. Jewett, appointed to propose changes in the Constitution, corresponding with the proposed change in the arrangement of the statistics, recommended "that sections 2d and 3d, in article V. of the Constitution and Rules, be changed, by substituting *County Conferences* for District Associations in the third line, and Conference for Association, where the latter occurs in succeeding lines." Adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following Delegates to foreign bodies.

Thursday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting, at which Rev. C. W. Wallace presided, when Rev. Dr. Childs briefly presented the claims of the Tract Society at Boston.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. B. F. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. R. M. Sargent.
To the General Conference of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. Bezaleel Smith. *Substitute*, Rev. H. A. Hazen.
To the General Association of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. P. B. Day. *Substitute*, Rev. H. M. Wells.
To the General Conference of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. Wm. Clark. *Substitute*, Rev. D. Goodwin.
To the General Conference of Rhode-Island:
Primary, Rev. E. Robie. *Substitute*, Rev. E. D. Eldridge.
To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. J. A. Hamilton. *Substitute*, Rev. F. D. Ayer.
To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey. *Substitute*, Rev. S. P. Leeds.
To the Ohio Congregational Conference:
Primary, Rev. L. S. Parker. *Substitute*, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.
To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Jaquith.
To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. Wm. T. Savage. *Substitute*, Rev. E. C. Cogswell.
To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. W. R. Jewett. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Ordway.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)
Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker. *Substitute*, Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D.
To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. J. Boutwell. *Substitute*, Rev. M. Gerould.
To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference:
Primary, Rev. C. A. Downs. *Substitute*, Rev. D. McClenning.
To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention:
Primary, Rev. C. J. Hill. *Substitute*, Rev. E. W. Cook.
To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. H. Cummings. *Substitute*, Rev. U. W. Condit.
To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. J. H. Bates. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Boutwell.
To the Congregational Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. H. C. Fay. *Substitute*, Rev. J. H. Stearns.
To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. Calvin Cutter.
To the General Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey. *Substitute*, Rev. I. T. Otis.

Which was adopted.

Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D., and Rev. E. D. Eldridge, were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Voted, That the thanks of the General Association be presented to the people of Manchester for the kind and generous hospitality extended to their members and their christian friends from abroad, who have attended this meeting. Also, to the officers of those railroads who have favored us by a reduction of fares.

The following committee was appointed to express the sentiments of this body in regard to the State Reform School, which was visited this morning: i. e. Rev. Messrs. Parsons and Adams.

10½ *o'clock A. M.* The Association gave place to the anniversary exercises of the N. H. Missionary Society, L. D. Stevens, Esq., Vice-President, in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. B. Day. Report of the Treasurer, B. P. Stone, D. D., was read and adopted.

After the reading and acceptance of the Annual Report, presented by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Davis, Cook, Tobey, Palmer, Horace Webster, Esq., and President Smith. United in closing prayer with Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

The Association resumed business. The Committee on the State of the Country made their report, which was approved and ordered to be printed.

WHEREAS we recognize in human governments the ordinance of God, and feeling that he has been very merciful to us in such a gift as the Government bequeathed us by the fathers, and consecrated by sacrifice and blood,—and whereas this Government has been assailed by a well matured and persistently pursued purpose of destruction,—Therefore,

Resolved, That the continuance of our bloody struggle for another year presents the most convincing argument that the hand of our God is upon us in severe chastisement for our sins, and that our hope of ultimate success rests upon his interposing mercy, when "we shall break off our sins by righteousness, and our iniquities by showing mercy to the poor."

Resolved, That we are deeply impressed with the obligation of all in authority to regard the divine law in respect to the Sabbath, and to honor this holy day, allowing nothing but the demands of necessity and mercy to break in upon its hallowed observance.

Resolved, That the recent appointment, by legislative and executive authority, of a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, indicates a growing conviction of a most hopeful character, that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Resolved, That we assure our soldiers in the field that we remember them in their hardships and exposures, and invoke for them the protection of the Almighty arm; that our earnest sympathies are tendered to the sick and wounded, in their sufferings and death, and we ask for them that the rod and the staff of our Heavenly Father may sustain them, and that we may mingle our tears with the afflicted families who mourn for the dead upon the field of conflict.

Resolved, That we sincerely pledge to our Government our confidence, our prayers, and our material support in the great work of suppressing a most wicked rebellion, until the armed forces be overcome, and peace is restored through our whole domain.

Adjourned till half past one o'clock.

THURSDAY, 1½ o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The following resolutions respecting the State Reform School were read and accepted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to His Honor, Mayor Smyth, of this city, for his courtesy in providing a special train to carry the members of the Association to the State Reform School. Also to the Superintendent of the school, whose arrangements made the visit especially pleasant.

Resolved, That the Association, in expressing its gratification with the present appearance of the school, as with the evidences of its past success, takes occasion to utter its conviction of the great importance of providing a stated chaplain, who should be devoted to the religious oversight and instruction of the interesting company of youth there assembled, for whom our State has already done so much, wisely and well.

Horace Webster, Esq., presented the following:

Resolved, That in view of the depreciation of the currency and of the great advance in prices of the necessaries of life, this General Association, composed of lay members as well as clergymen, and representing the churches as well as the pastors of the State, feels called upon to remind the churches that their pastors are living upon fixed salaries; that those salaries are generally only moderate in amount; that in many instances, at former prices, it required the strictest economy to eke out a livelihood: that by the nature of their profession, pastors are cut off from other means of income, and that consequently the increase of expenses arising from enhanced prices, must be the occasion of great anxiety and discouragement, if not of actual deprivation and suffering, unless prevented by an increase in salaries. And this Association therefore commends the action of any churches or parishes within its bounds, which have already increased the salaries of their pastors, and urgently recommends that each church should take into earnest consideration the question whether its pastor is receiving a competent support, with such action as shall secure freedom from crushing care, and give new evidence of confidence and consideration.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett was chosen Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

The report on raising funds for indigent and disabled ministers was referred to the committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Savage and Jewett. This committee were instructed to consult with the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, and, if practicable, secure such changes in their

charter as will enable the Trustees to hold funds for the relief of indigent and disabled clergymen.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition for a National Congregational Convention reported that they have failed to appreciate the reasons for the call of such a convention, especially in the present juncture of public affairs, and respectfully decline further action with reference to it. Accepted.

Revs. Henry Cummings, Amos Blanchard, and Bro. Samuel B. Duncan, were chosen Committee of Arrangements for next year.

Voted, To adjourn at the conclusion of the public services.

Minutes read by the Scribe, and accepted.

The public religious services were introduced by singing, and the sermon from John xviii.: 37, was preached by Rev. S. P. Leeds. A large company of communicants united with the Association in commemorating the death of Christ in the Sacrament of the Supper; Rev. Dr. Noyes and Rev. E. D. Eldridge officiating at the table.

Association adjourned, to meet at Newport in August, 1865.

WM. T. SAVAGE, *Moderator.*

H. D. EMERSON, *Scribe.*
T. C. PRATT, *Assistant Scribe.*

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was holden at the study of Rev. Dr. N. Bouton, in Concord, on the first day of June, A. D. 1864. Present: Rev. Dr. N. Bouton, Rev. A. P. Tenney, Rev. E. O. Jameson, Shadrack Seavey, Esq., and F. N. Fisk, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: namely,

Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., President.
JOSEPH B. WALKER, Secretary.
SHADRACK SEAVEY, Treasurer.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., } Executive Committee.
JOSEPH B. WALKER, }
SHADRACK SEAVEY, }

Mr. Seavey presented the report of the treasurer for the past year, showing that the funds of the Association amounted, on the first day of June, 1864, to nineteen hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents ($1968.92); which report was read and accepted.

These funds were invested as follows:

June 1, 1864.

Eleven shares Northern Railroad Stock, cost	$1,090.00
Cash on deposit in Exeter Savings Bank,	88.60
Bond of State of New-Hampshire,	500.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	88
Cash on deposit in N. H. Savings Bank,	289.44
	$1.968.92

Concord, August 22, 1864. J. B. WALKER, Secretary.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, holden at the study of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Bouton, in Concord, on Wednesday, the first day of June, A. D. 1864, it was "voted to appropriate and pay the sum of twenty dollars ($20) to each of the following persons, being widows of deceased ministers: namely, Mrs. Rebecca French $20; Mrs. Abby Lawton $20; Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson $20; Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill $20; Mrs. L. B. Whittemore $20; Mrs. S. A. O. Fifield $20; postage $0.50. Total $120.50.

A true copy of the original record, Attest, J. B. WALKER, Secretary.

Since the above meeting was holden a donation of five hundred dollars to the Widows' Charitable Fund has been made by a benevolent lady, and received by the treasurer.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1864.

Every year of our religious history has its own character. The one which now closes is marked by peculiarities of uncommon interest. God has chastened us by the bereavements resulting from the great conflict of arms in our country, going on through now more than three years. Yet the burdens of this conflict have been lighter far than any one could have supposed beforehand. We have great reason for thankfulness that he has enabled us to bear these burdens so easily. As in the past, his favors have been far greater than we had reason to expect, so let us not fear for the future.

In spiritual things we have been greatly blessed. The discipline of our heavenly Father's hand, we confidently believe, has not been lost on us. He has called us to efforts and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering, and for the comfort of the afflicted, so loudly and so plainly, that we could not fail to hear his call, nor refuse to obey. By unusual methods he is teaching us to trust and obey him. We believe that many in our churches, we fain would hope that most, are submissively seeking to learn the lessons he teaches.

In giving such an account of our religious condition during the year as the means of information enable us, we will notice, first, *the changes in the ministry*.

Four good and useful ministers of Christ have been called from their labors on earth, we doubt not to the higher service and the blessed rewards of heaven.

Rev. Enoch N. Caswell died at Bennington, Nov. 11, 1863, aged 45. He was born in Middletown, Vt., March 25, 1818; graduated at Middlebury College in 1843, and at Andover Seminary in 1847, and was ordained pastor of the church in Salisbury, June 23, 1848. In less than a year he was dismissed, and afterwards was stated preacher for two years at Stockbridge, Vt., for one year and a half at Barnet, Vt., for two and a half at Hooksett, in this State, and finally, for more than two years at Bennington, where he closed his labors with his life.

Rev. Ezra Adams, of Gilsum, died March 20, 1864. He was born in East Medway, Mass., August 28, 1809; graduated at Amherst College in 1835; studied theology at the East-Windsor, Ct., Seminary, and was ordained pastor of the church in Surry in 1839. After a ministry of three years in that place he was dismissed, and was the acting pastor of the church in Roxbury seven years. He removed to Gilsum in January, 1850, and was, after more than a year, installed pastor of the church, March 19, 1851, and there he continued in the Master's service thirteen years. He leaves behind him the character of a devoted, self-sacrificing christian man, and of a faithful and useful minister of Christ.

Rev. Edmund Burt died at Gorham, July 14, 1864. He was born in Longmeadow, Mass., Nov. 11, 1808. Forbidden the advantages of a college education and an early entrance into the ministry, by the death of his father, he studied theology at Gilmanton Seminary, finishing his course in 1839, and was ordained pastor of the churches in Franconia and Bethlehem January 13, 1841. After six years, being dismissed, he preached two years at Deering, and in 1849 was installed pastor at Newfield, Me., where he continued nearly four years. He was then employed three years in Gilead, Me., and Gorham, N. H., and was afterwards laid aside four years by ill health. About the beginning of the present year, having become again able to preach, he went to Stewartstown, where, as before, especially at Newfield, God blessed his labors in bringing men to Christ. Worn down in health, in June he went to Gorham, to visit his family and recruit; but he did not return, for God took him. He was a true, faithful and highly useful minister of Christ.

Rev. Joseph Bancroft Hill died in June, near Chattanooga, Tennessee, from injury by falling under a railroad car as he was attempting to get upon the train while it was moving. He was born in Mason, the son of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, for more than 64 years pastor, and 46 years sole pastor of the church in that place. In his early ministerial life he preached several years in Tennessee with the Cumberland Presbyterians. He was installed in Mason, colleague pastor with his father, October 20, 1841, and dismissed April 22, 1847. He afterwards preached some years at Stewartstown, and other places in the northern part of the State. Having removed his family residence to Temple, and being still, though nearly 70 years of age, uncommonly vigorous and active, he desired to do something more for the cause of his Master and of his country. He was attracted to Tennessee by the fact of his early ministry having been in that

part of our land; and at the time of his death he had been employed three or four months doing good service for the benefit of the soldiers as a delegate of the Christian Commission.

A considerable number of ministers have been dismissed from the pastoral office in the State within the year. Among them are Rev. Albert W. Fisk, of Fisherville, Rev. Almon Benson, of Center-Harbor, Rev. John Colby, of Hampton, Rev. Charles I. Hill, of the First Church in Nashua, Rev. Elias H. Richardson, of the First Church in Dover, Rev. Orpheus T. Lanphear, of the Second Church in Exeter, Rev. James M. Palmer, of Rochester, and Rev. Edward C. Miles, of Stratham.

The vacancies made by these removals have not all been filled; but some of them have been; and some other places longer without pastors have been supplied.

Rev William R. Jewett, formerly of Plymouth, was installed pastor of the church in Fisherville, September 16, 1863. Rev. J. L. Tomlinson was ordained pastor of the church in Chester, October 1, 1863. Rev. John A. Edwards was ordained pastor of the church in West Lebanon, December, 1863. Rev. Milton S. Severance was ordained pastor of the church in Boscawen, February 17, 1864. Rev. Edward W. Clark was installed pastor of the church in Claremont, February 25, 1864. Rev. U. W. Condit, lately of Deerfield, was installed pastor of the church in Salisbury, March 18, 1864. Rev. John O. Barrows was ordained pastor of the church in North-Hampton, June 9, 1864. Rev. Quincy Blakely was installed pastor of the church in Campton, June 29, 1864. Rev. E. D. Eldridge, lately of Alton, was installed pastor of the church in Kensington, June 30, 1864, after the place had been without an orthodox Congregational pastor for more than forty years. Indeed, it has never had such a ministry for any great length of time.

In several other places where pastors are not settled, there have been changes in the ministry.

It is proper to mention here the change in the Presidency of Dartmouth College. The resignation of Rev. Dr. Lord, in a manner honorable to himself and satisfactory to the friends of the College, and the inauguration of Rev. Dr. A. D. Smith, who comes to the head of the Institution with the advantages of mature and various experience, of long-tried and well-known literary and christian character, are events which inspire the christian community with new and stronger confidence in its future enlarged prosperity and usefulness.

The *temporary absence* of many of our ministers and other active christians in the service of the Christian Commission, for the benefit of our soldiers, we cannot doubt has been the means of great good. It has given expression to the sympathy of the christian people in the service and sufferings of those who fight our battles for us in support of our most excellent government. It has given relief, comfort, spiritual counsel and consolation to many a sick and wounded soldier. It has carried the Gospel with saving power to not a few, and doubtless to some who would not have been so blessed at home. In these and other ways the good and faithful men employed in this work have carried blessings to those who actively meet the deadly conflict with rebellion and slavery; and they have brought home, by enlarged experience and quickened christian sympathies, correspondent blessings to themselves and those who "abide still by the stuff."

In *spiritual prosperity* God has blessed us much more than usual. Revivals of religion have been numerous; in some instances of great power, in others of less marked character, but perhaps of longer continuance. And in some places, where we should scarcely call the interest a revival, there has been quiet, spiritual refreshing and healthy growth. In some instances the labors of evangelists have been employed and blessed,—in others, no such extraordinary means have been used, while the showers of mercy have descended as freely. God has various and divers methods of working. It is well for us to discern those which are adapted to our circumstances, and conform our efforts to them.

For a more detailed account of our spiritual progress, such as befits the history of our churches for the year, we must refer to the narratives given to the several Conferences.

In Strafford Conference, extending over the present three counties of Strafford, Belknap and Carroll, there have been considerable revivals in Dover, Great Falls, Salmon Falls and Ossipee; also very encouraging progress in Rochester, Farmington, and several other places. The largest addition in proportion to the previous membership was to the little new church for the first time represented in the Conference, partly in Chatham, and partly in Stow, in Maine. It was organized in 1861, and in the course of the year has quadrupled its members by the addition of twenty-five members.

This Conference, extending along about half the eastern boundary of the State, from the tide-waters to the White Mountains, and entirely around Lake Winnepiseogee, over a territory much of it of poor soil and sparse population, includes forty towns, in thirteen of which is no Congregational church. Of its thirty churches five or six are extremely small and weak, and as many more have but little strength. Of the remaining eighteen or twenty about half hold on their way steadily, with only slow advances—in some years even declining; and the other half may be regarded as having considerable strength, and generally prosperous. The five or six weakest rarely have Congregational preaching, and generally unite with people of other denominations in public worship. The five or six next in weakness, and some of the

others, commonly have Congregational preaching with missionary aid. In two or three of our very weak churches, and in one place where is no church, there has been a union of different denominations in the support of preaching, as the General Association of last year recommended.

The report made to the Rockingham Conference on the state of religion gives this account of spiritual progress: "During the year a rich harvest has been gathered, as the fruits of revivals. In this respect God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. There are but few churches in our limits which have not been more or less refreshed. In some instances the descent of the Spirit has been like the small rain and gentle dew; in others like refreshing showers, and in others still like the rain which made Elijah gird his loins and run before the chariot of Ahab. Atkinson, Brentwood, Exeter (First and Second parishes), Newmarket, Plaistow, and Portsmouth, have shared richly in the revival influences. In Londonderry and Kensington the work has been one of great power. In Derry and Windham it is believed that in each place not less than one hundred have been made new creatures in Christ. The work in Derry embraced the pupils in Pinkerton Academy; and of 80 not less than 60 are reported as hopefully converted. In most cases there has been little labor outside of the church. Brethren of the church have been ready to do their part; and the Spirit has moved, as when melting fire burneth."

The narrative of the state of religion in Hillsborough Conference makes these statements: "Reports have been received from each church in the Conference. The year has been one of the right hand of the Most High. Revivals of great and unusual power have been enjoyed by many churches of this Conference, in which others of different names, equally dear to Christ, have largely shared. It is probable that 800 souls are believing they are born again, who were without God and without hope one year since in this county. Fields that one year ago were a valley of dry bones, very dry, suddenly felt the life-giving influence of the breath of God. In wonder and admiration we beheld them teeming with living souls. Some sinners, almost an hundred years old, are no longer in danger of dying 'accursed.' Large numbers of heads of families have built them altars in their homes in the name of the Lord; companies of young men and women have been adopted the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Not a few children have seen the beauty of the Saviour, and feel he has taken them in his arms and written his father's name in their foreheads. In some of these revivals God began to display his power first among the children. He showed his sovereignty in calling the *youngest* in some families before the oldest. The parent came following the child into the kingdom of Heaven. We have been reminded by the working of the Holy Spirit of the saying of the Son of David, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise.'"

The places most largely blessed by these revivals, though by no means all that were blessed, are Bedford, Goffstown, Manchester and Merrimack.

In Merrimack County Conference it was reported that but few churches had received no additions, while several have been considerably increased, and to some new converts have been added at nearly every communion. "Most of the churches report a growing interest in religious things. The revival spirit which has blessed the churches in Concord has been shared also by those in Hopkinton and Henniker," Fisherville, and especially West-Concord. "In other churches there has been an encouraging spirit of prayer," though the neglect of prayer meetings by many professed christians is mentioned in this Conference, as in others, for matter of lamentation.

In Cheshire Conference, of 25 churches with six pastors and twelve stated preachers, it is reported that many churches are in a languishing condition; but a few have enjoyed seasons of revival. Hinsdale, Marlborough, New-Alstead and Sullivan are mentioned as having been especially blessed. In Hinsdale the interest began with the week of prayer in January. The pastor in Marlborough says, "Never within my observation has there been a work so manifestly of God in his Providence and by his Spirit. In Sullivan the interest was very great and general. Nearly all the youth and children in town have apparently been more or less affected by it."

In Sullivan County Conference, 'the additions to the churches have been rather less during the year than the removals by death and dismission. No general revivals are reported; yet gentle refreshings have quickened God's people in five or six churches; so that, if all who have come to hope in Christ during the year had been gathered, the additions would exceed the removals.

In the large county of Grafton the Conference, newly organized with encouraging prospects of helping the churches in christian fellowship and co-operating service for the Master, did not receive full reports from all within its bounds. While some of the churches are said to be languishing and troubled with dissensions, the tone of piety is represented as on the whole higher than usual. God has bestowed his Spirit, awakening some special religious interest in Dartmouth College, in Haverhill, in Lyme, and in Piermont. The interest has been quiet, bringing souls into the kingdom of God through the usual means of grace, and especially from the Sabbath Schools.

From Coos County no returns have been received, and no account can be given.

In all the reports of the Conferences there is reference to the *Sabbath Schools* as generally prosperous, increasing in numbers and interest. They are mentioned as "encouraging the hopes of ministers, and furnishing one of the most hopeful departments of ministerial care and labor;" and as "the vestibule of the church." There are exceptions. In many places this christian training institution is not very prosper-

ous. In some it seems to have declined from its former prosperity. No where is it doing all which is desirable, or all which is practicable. But generally it seems to be growing in favor with God and man. From the Sabbath School, and from the children even, have been gathered a goodly proportion of those who are reckoned as converts to righteousness. The growth and manifest usefulness of these schools in many places may well animate all who love the word of God to do everything they can for the establishment of them where they are not, but should be, and for their encouragement and greater usefulness where they exist.

In some instances the pastor superintends the Sabbath School. Possibly this practice might be increased with advantage. All christians, whether ministers or laymen, young or old, male or female, should do what they can to promote its enlightening and saving influence.

There has been some advance in *christian benevolence* during the past year. I have seen no report of the amount of contributions, except those in Hillsborough and Strafford Conferences. But from the general statements it seems that there has been no decline in the contributions to the usual objects of christian benevolence. In some places there has been an increase of payments for these, though we fear not in proportion to the diminished value of money. There should be a large increase everywhere on this account. But the liberal donations from our churches and congregations, as well as from other people, for the aid and comfort of our soldiers, inspire us with the belief that there has been a real growth of christian benevolence. We rejoice in the evidence that christian people are learning more than formerly that the highest, worthiest use of property is in making it a means of doing good. The christian use of property, it has been well said, "transmutes it into eternal gold."

A time of war is not generally favorable to the *public morals*. And it is not reasonable for us to expect that we shall escape moral injury from the fierce and long conflict in which we are engaged. But the justice of our contest for the support of our excellent government and of all rightful authority, and against subjection to the power of a slave-holding aristocracy, as well as the christian spirit so widely prevailing and the christian exertions so largely employed in it, may well encourage our hopes that the public morals will receive less injury than commonly results from a state of war, and also that some important moral benefits will follow. A purely christian patriotism has been much cultivated in our churches and communities within the year. To this has contributed the observance to some extent, but not so generally as should be, of the concert of prayer for our country. It is decidedly favorable to the public morals that the prejudice against color is subsiding, and sympathy for the oppressed is increasing among us, as also in other parts of our country.

The cause of *temperance*, we fear, has not, on the whole, been advancing in the State. Too generally there has been apathy or neglect with regard to it. Always if any great reform be neglected, it fails to be carried forward, the current of influence running against it grows stronger, and it is borne backward. Such doubtless has been the condition of the temperance reform in large portions of our State during the last year. But the reports are not wholly unfavorable. One of the Conference reports, that of Cheshire, states that "the temperance cause is at a very low ebb. One pastor says, 'Nothing is doing, and he does not see that anything can be done.'" But then it adds, "The Conference adopted resolutions recommending that each pastor preach on the subject at least once in the year; also that the third Sabbath in the month be observed as a concert of prayer; and that at least one Sabbath School Concert in the year be devoted to this object." Another report, the one from Rockingham, says, "Where efforts have been made in the cause of temperance among children they have been successful. In some instances the 'Band of Hope' has embraced nearly all the children in the town."

In one town, Farmington, where the rum traffic had become rampant, defiant, threatening violence against those who opposed it, the friends of good morals banded together, and gave fair, kindly warning that the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors should be enforced. And by the terrors of the law in that town the evil-doing was suppressed. Such a course might be pursued in other places. Why not in all places, so far as need be? Courage, discretion, and endurance are needful in our moral warfare, as in the conflict of carnal weapons.

Let us be taught by all the lessons of the past year to look upward and forward in cheerful hope, yea, with strong confidence; and, seeking always for the sufficient grace where alone it may be found, let us be ever mindful of the injunction and assurance: Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the New-Hampshire General Association:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—The ordinary labors and cares calling for christian sympathy are overshadowed by the continued calamity of war. The depletion of its members and drainage of the life and treasure of the church is the great burden of the present time. That we may adjust ourselves to the new circumstances and meet faithfully the demands of the hour, let us look at an instructive passage of Holy Scripture.

It was required in the covenant which God made with Moses on the mount, that all the males of the nation should go to Jerusalem and celebrate the three Great Feasts, on certain days of each year. Neither shall any man *desire* thy land when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year. This covenant was obeyed, and, as if to establish the supernatural authority of their religion, and demonstrate the fact of a *special Providence*, this promise was kept, and no invasion of the land occurred while the males attended the feast for sixteen hundred years.

In the light of this passage, which is but one of a large class, is it not our duty to look to God to deliver us out of all our troubles? Is he not the same to his church as under the theocracy? Are not they as dependent on him? Time changes not his character, annuls not his covenant. The Lord is our strength and shield. As it was vain for Israel to trust in horses or in allies from Egypt and Assyria, so we should not rely on our resources, superior numbers or able generals, but look unto God, who knoweth how to deliver. So manifest was his providence in the founding of this government, and his intention to make it auxiliary to his church, that we believe the prosperity of the one is necessary to the usefulness of the other. Hence, from a review of the past and the evident divine plans for the future, are we not convinced that it is one of the most solemn duties which we owe to the God of our fathers, to both, to uphold our civil institutions, and make it possible for him to perfect, through us, the work which he has begun,

And concerning the fiery trial through which we are called to pass, think it no strange thing, since there is no futurity and no Redeemer for nations. They are under the natural law to reap in this life as they sow, and all they *ever* reap. For each one killed by Pharaoh's oppression, an Egyptian was found dead. When Israel sinned in the person of their king, they must choose either three years of famine, three months of defeat in battle, or three days of pestilence. We must expect to suffer as much in mind, body and estate as we have caused others to suffer. Until our policy is righteous towards *all*, and barbarous statutes are repealed, the iniquity framed into law forces on the bloody retribution, and none but God can interpose and cut short the work. Most appropriate and solemn, therefore, was the late call of our Representatives for a day of fasting and prayer. To whom can we go but to God, pleading his word—"If the nation against whom I have spoken to pluck up, pull down and destroy it, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil I thought to do unto them."

As in the case of Israel, God will protect our land if we faithfully discharge our *religious* duties. It is of first importance that we be loyal to our Saviour; that we be in agreement with eternal progress. Then, as members of the covenant, may we not look for the fulfillment of the word spoken to Moses? Human obedience secures divine favor. Piety is the salt of politics. In an ancient civil war Jacob said unto all that were with him,—"Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and let us go up to Bethel, where God was with me in the way I went, and make there an altar. And when he had buried the idols under an oak, they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them." Let our national idol be so treated, and the money and influence it has diverted to worldly uses be brought back to Christ, and soon would our enemies be overthrown, and our own border restored.

At the time Napoleon was about to invade England, the people of God met and organized a society for sending the Bible to all parts of the world. Even irreligious men foretold this would be the best defence; and certain it is that the troops of the empire were recalled after they had embarked. Our increased contributions to causes of benevolence, our courteous refusal of aid from England in sustaining our missionaries, has doubtless had a decided influence in preventing foreign recognition of the rebel government. It is an indication of moral as well as of pecuniary strength. Our sending Bibles and religious tracts by thousands to the insurgents, the delegates of our commissions going among them—good, Samaritan-like—most directly fulfills that

word, "when a man's ways please the Lord he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." At this time, whoever neglects the missionary, the freedmen, or the support of the gospel, is not patriotic. Our country needs the closet prayer and the secret alms as much as she needs the soldier. The church, as well as the world, has sought wealth through slavery, and it is a test of her repentance that she not only demand that those who are admitted to an equality of danger and trial with the white man, become citizens under one government, in full pay and privilege, but that their physical, mental and spiritual wants be cared for. If we, of many, be the tap-root of oppression, let it be supplanted by the loss of souls, and christians be the first to restore manhood to that chattelized class for whom Christ died as much as for us. Is it not degrading as well as sinful to despise souls that God has taken pains to create, and re-create by his Holy Spirit? Our works and progress are as sounding brass without charity.

It is also one of our religious duties to show gratitude to our brave defenders, supplying their physical necessities, and never permitting them to ask for the bread of life. They stand between us and the ruin our sin calls down upon us. To whom are we under greater obligations? Who are more accessible to the gospel? They need it if they fall; they need it if they return to us; for who are likely to exert a greater influence for good or evil? The terrible discipline through which they have passed will make them men of mark. No excuse of the cost of carrying on the war will relieve us from the duty of caring for the soldier and the freedman, who are, so to speak, of our own household. Let every christian come up to the help of the Lord, and no man shall ever divide our land.

This applies also to poor and indigent churches and weak christians. Interest in Christ's work abroad secures most spiritual prosperity at home. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

From the instance cited, we see *literal* obedience to God secures temporal prosperity. It seems imprudent for all the males of an agricultural people, without an army or munitions of defence, to leave the women, children and aged, to spend three weeks at several seasons of the year at Jerusalem. But to obey God is always safe, and in the end advantageous.

When was sin ever profitable? It is not likely we shall make a dollar out of our four score years of oppression, but lose, as did Pharaoh by his oppression of Israel. Much of our nation's wealth has come through this crime; many as cursed as Judas' thirty pieces of silver. Instead of lamenting its loss, it is a blessing to be rid of it, if thereby we learn "that righteousness alone obtains the sure reward." In the thunder-tones of battle we are being taught that no man or nation can afford to disobey God. There is no worldly advantage in wronging any, though they are the most ignorant and degraded. Human life is precious in the eyes of the Lord, and nothing is surer than his judgments on evil-doers. Although many good people have talked lightly of "abstract right," and derided the "Higher Law," in the waste and carnage of the present civil war what child does not see the ruinous cost of injustice, and that literal obedience to divine commands, unswerving adherence to the "Golden Rule," is most profitable. What a premium simple honesty is commanding! Let every christian see that no gain compensates for the least compromise with sin, and that to lose with God maketh rich in the end. Let us seek, as individuals and a nation, *Righteousness*. For that is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Finally, brethren, while we rejoice in many visitations of God's Spirit to our churches and to our army, and doubt not the righteous issue of our national conflict, we feel the need of a renewed consecration of body, soul and spirit to our Divine Master. We need an increase of Old Testament faith! a conviction that we are not our own, but have been bought with a price, so that all we do may be done as unto the Lord. Before crossing Jordan, Joshua commanded the people, "Sanctify yourselves!" Great as have been our successes, perils and sufferings await us; many a trial of our faith and difficult passage for the work of our liberties. By prayer and giving of thanks may we retain the Divine Presence, that, being loyal to him, no interest shall supersede that for the Captain of our Salvation. Because of the great duties incumbent upon us—the wide fields of influence opening—the telling sacrifices which may be made for Christ's and liberty's sake, as well as the danger from the action and reaction of the church and the world in this struggle for national life—we need to watch lest the grander life be weighed down and smothered by political zeal and the secularities of the day. Better let these be informed and quickened by the minor experience and soul-power which comes from the baptism of the Holy Spirit. May our alms go up with our prayers, our faith be followed by works. May our *individual* responsibility to a personal Lord make real to us his leadership, and the assurance that whatever may betide—

"In his service pain is pleasure,
With his favor death is gain."

Seeking to act righteously and to glorify God, may we not rest there? May we not appropriate all those promises made to the first nation in covenant with him, as "Unto *this* people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swear unto their fathers to give unto them. Only be thou strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Beloved—building yourselves up on *this* faith—praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God.

CCNSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Association, and members of such committees as reported to it, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceeds of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed annually, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the next annual meeting; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for. This shall be a permanent committee, one member retiring and one new member being chosen each year.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDING. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other societies and institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2½ o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two

members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1863.		*Cr.*	
Sept. 12.	By balance in Treasury,.....	$34.22	
1864.			
	From eight Conferences, current assessments,.....	100.00	
	" Grafton and Coos Conferences, assessments of 1862,.....	14.00	
			$148.22
1863.		*Dr.*	
Nov.	Expense (including postage and express) of mailing Minutes,...	$10.52	
1864.			
May.	E. D. Boylston, printing 700 blanks,.....	4.50	
July.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing Minutes of 1863,.....	80.00	
Sept. 12.	Postage and printing Questions for Discussion,.....	5.01	
	Balance in Treasury,.....	$48.19	
			$148.22

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above account, and find it correct and well vouched.

WM. CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, October 10, 1864.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabb'th Scho'ls
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,.....	1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Campton,.....	1774	Quincy Blakely,....	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	30	49	79	22	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	1	0	140
Center Harbor, ...	May 10, 1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	19	32	51	14	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	93
Gilman Center,....	March 18, 1835	Joseph Blake,.....	Mar. 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	43	68	111	30	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	0	1	75
Groton,.....	1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	13	25	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Hebron,.....	1797	Liba Conant,.....	1823	1837	11	27	38	4	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	100
Laconia,.....	July 26, 1824	J. K Young, D. D.,	Sept. 10, 1823	1831	52	131	183	36	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	146
Meredith,.....	Feb. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	June 8, 1857	20	42	62	7	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	75
Plymouth,.....	1765	H. A. Hazen,.....	Feb. 17, 1858	June 21, 1863	35	34	129	31	5	2	7	0	6	0	6	2	0	160
Sanbornton,.....	1771	James Boutwell,..	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	44	88	132	15	3	3	6	6	1	0	7	1	0	100
Sandwich,.....	August, 1814	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	24	32	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
North Sandwich,..	July 5, 1832	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	12	22	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	00
Thornton,.....	1780	Vacant.	.....	.....	4	5	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 6. Pastors, 7.			290	589	879	179	12	15	27	16	13	1	30	7	4	934

WITHOUT CHARGE. John Clark, Bridgewater, ordained 1835; Almon Benson, Center-Harbor, ordained December 23, 1840; John A. Thyng, Fisherville, ordained ....

CHARLES BURNHAM, Meredith, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers			Ch. Mem., July 1, 1864.				Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page	Sept. 1835	S. S.	30	70	100	21	17	2	19	1	3	2	6	10	1	111
Auburn	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	24	44	68	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	100
Bedford, Pres.	1750	Thomas Savage	Aug. 9, 1822	July 5, 1826	75	125	200	5	53	4	57	3	2	0	5	25	3	200
Candia,	1770	Ephraim N. Hidden		1841 Nov. 2, 1859	81	137	218	27	3	2	5	5	0	2	7	1	3	185
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. Logan Tomlinson	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	54	110	164	22	2	10	12	7	2	0	9	0	0	141
Deerfield,	1766	J. M. Lord		1851 S. S.	43	73	116	25	0	0	0	6	7	0	13	0	0	75
Derry, 1st Ch.	1719	Leonard S. Parker	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	64	133	197	49	4	3	7	7	3	0	10	3	2	250
Derry, 1st Cong. Ch.	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	27	102	129	22	6	0	6	4	0	1	5	3	1	100
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	38	73	111	19	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	175
Goffstown,	1801	J. W. Ray	Jan. 28, 1858	Jan. 28, 1858	43	93	136	39	2	0	2	5	2	0	7	2	1	180
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	19	60	79	12	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	2	118
Hooksett,	1828	M. Leffingwell	July 7, 1844	S. S.	12	28	40	17	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	70
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	A. Richards		S. S.	8	36	44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55
Litchfield, Pres.	July 3, 1844	Vacant.			4	11	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	83	142	225	30	50	0	50	4	1	0	5	25	18	220
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1838	C. W. Wallace	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	124	328	452	95	65	24	89	5	9	0	14	35	5	617
Franklin St. Ch.	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	72	553	325	100	53	5	58	0	4	0	4	36	2	410
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.			8	27	35	23	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	00
Presbyterian Ch.	Nov. 9, 1859	Geo. A. Bowman	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S. 1859	7	20	27	4	7	1	8	2	0	0	2	3	0	40
Merrimack, 1st Ch.	Sept. 5, 1771	E. J. Hart	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	57	114	171	32	25	3	28	4	3	0	7	13	2	220
Pelham, 1st Cong.	Nov. 13, 1771	Augustus Berry	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	64	88	17	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	180
Plaistow, & N. Hav.	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows	June 1, 1836	S. S. 1859	24	70	94	10	11	1	12	4	4	0	8	7	1	67
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers	April, 1850	S. S.	21	69	90	11	5	0	5	3	1	1	5	4	0	113
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	50	108	158	11	36	0	36	7	1	0	8	14	10	218
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 15. S. S., 7.			992	2290	3282	607	342	62	404	75	49	6	130	182	48	3770

Without Charge. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained Feb. 7, 1816. Isaac Willey, Secretary N. H. Bible Society, Goffstown.

Theodore C. Pratt, Hampstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Scho'ls
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,.....	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.	.....	.....	6	22	28	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Conway,.....	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball...	Jan. 27, 1841	S.S. Feb.1, '56	20	71	91	14	0	1	1	6	2	0	8	0	1	*150
Effingham.....	May 17, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	5	25	30	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	30
Milton,.....	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt.....	Sept. 26, 1845	S.S.May22,'48	16	64	80	3	3	0	3	1	0	4	5	3	0	175
Moultonboro', 1st..	March 12,1777	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	19	27	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	00
Ossipee,.....	Sept. 26, 1806	T. V. Haines.....	Feb. 1, 1861	S.S. Dec. 1863	26	49	75	19	10	2	12	5	1	1	7	7	0	85
Tamworth,.....	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddel.	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	46	91	137	25	3	1	4	6	1	0	7	2	8	162
Tuftonborough....	May 1, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	7	10	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Wakefield,.....	1785	Vacant.	August, 1855	S.S.Apr.1, '61	11	30	41	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	35
Wolfborough,.....	June 17, 1834	Vacant	.....	.....	19	39	58	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	70
Wolfboro' North,..	June 18, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	4	10	14	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	00
Total, 11.		Vacant Ch'hes, 5.	Pastors, 1.	S. S., 6. W. C., 1.	164	427	102	102	16	4	20	24	9	5	38	12	12	762

*In three schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE. John Wood, Wolfborough, ordained 1840.

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe*. S. H. Riddel, Tamworth, *Statistical Scribe*.

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'ath Scho'ls.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	P r.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis.	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	68	151	219	23	9	3	12	5	2	0	7	7	2	225
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin.	Apr. 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	25	37	62	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	150
Hollis,	June, 1743	Pliny B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	74	135	209	16	1	0	1	7	3	0	10	1	0	260
Mason, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin.	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	41	59	100	25	2	0	2	9	0	0	9	0	1	121
Mason, 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	Vacant.	.....	.....	28	58	86	14	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	90
Merrimack, South.	Oct. 21, 1829	Ed. F. Abbott.	August, 1844	S. S.	9	23	32	17	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	61
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer.	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	83	203	286	48	2	8	10	7	2	0	9	1	1	403
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	G. E. Sanborne.	Jan. 1, 1857	April 2, 1862	36	93	129	29	4	2	6	3	0	0	3	3	2	150
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	Vacant.	.....	.....	87	353	440	88	5	0	5	7	9	0	16	3	5	506
Olive Street Ch.	Oct. 26, 1834	A. Richards, D. D. / G. D. Pike	Nov. 7, 1827 / April 23, 1862	Apr. 6, 1836 / Ap. 23, 1862	78	179	257	28	5	5	10	5	2	0	7	4	1	274
Pearl Street Ch.	Sept. 3, 1846	Benj. F. Parsons.	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	53	141	194	35	5	9	14	1	10	2	13	4	0	123
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler.	Mar. 12, 1862	Mar. 12, 1862	74	167	241	25	6	6	12	8	5	0	13	3	3	180
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham, D. D.	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	68	121	189	12	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	1	5	300
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Geo. Goodyear	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	38	69	107	17	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	1	160
East-Wilton,	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams.	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	40	83	123	21	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	0	165
Total, 15.		Vacant Ch'hes, 2. Pastors, 13. S. S., 1. W. C., 4.			802	1872	2674	379	44	35	79	70	38	2	110	28	21	3168

Without Charge. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; E. M. Kellogg, Barre, Mass., ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819.

Theophilus P. Sawin, Brookline, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			4	6	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	M. S. Severance.	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	37	82	119	18	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	3	150
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			13	27	40	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	26	58	84	18	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	2	0	90
Canterbury,	Oct. 12, 1790	J. L. Armes	June 25, 1846	S. S.	41	56	97	19	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	125
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	63	170	233	30	6	3	9	3	3	0	6	2	1	180
Concord, East	March 20, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	30	68	98	16	5	3	8	5	1	0	6	1	0	85
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	105	222	327	38	3	2	5	6	3	0	9	2	2	475
Concord, West	April, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June, 1828	April 23, 1833	62	129	191	31	4	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	2	150
Danbury,	1800	L. Little	Nov. 19, 1862	S. S.	31	38	69	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	65
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	30	64	94	5	8	2	10	1	1	0	2	2	0	231
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	W. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	90	134	43	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	45	119	164	48	4	0	4	6	0	0	6	3	1	150
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	16	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. W. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	79	107	186	28	10	0	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	108
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	40	87	127	31	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	170
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	U. W. Condit	Oct. 14, 1850	March 15, 1864	24	57	81	7	4	5	9	1	1	0	2	1	1	68
Northfield, Sanb'tn	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	50	127	177	37	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	1	170
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington		S. S.	27	62	89	6	3	4	7	2	1	0	3	1	1	140
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	87	140	26	0	0	0	8	1	0	9	0	4	200
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden	Jan. 12, 1856	S. S.	19	33	52	4	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	2	0	70
Total, 21.		Vacant Ch'hs, 3. Pastors, 12. S. S., 5. W. C., 5.			830	1703	2533	422	56	32	88	44	32	0	76	22	19	2827

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord; ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833.

LICENTIATES. Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, Oct. 18, 1858; Henry S. Huntington, Warner.

E. O. JAMESON, East Concord, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'm.		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	Sabb'th Sch'ls.
Bethlehem,.....	October, 1802	John Le Bosquet,..	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S., 1864	7	16	23	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	6	0	0	85
Colebrook,.....	Nov. 30, 1802	C. F. Page,.....	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S., 1863	19	37	56	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Dalton,...	April 28, 1816	D. McClenning,....	April 29, 1862	S. S.	9	16	25	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	86
Franconia,.....	April, 1814	John Le Bosquet,..	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S., 1864	5	9	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
Gorham,.....	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	Jan. 31, 1838	S. S.,	6	24	30	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	65
Lancaster,.....	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay,.....	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	43	83	126	8	6	0	0	4	2	0	6	6	0	243
Shelburne,.....	1818	Vacant.	.....	.....	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
West Stewartstown	July 1, 1846	Vacant.	.....	.....	6	14	20	2	5	0	5	0	4	0	5	3	1	20
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			95	203	289	26	14	1	15	8	1	1	21	10	1	634

HOSEA ALDRICH, Esq., Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Sabbath Schools.
Bath,.....	1784	Geo. Smith,.....	1853	S. S.	27	85	112	24	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	75
Canaan,.....	1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	5	16	21	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00
Dorchester,.....	May 20, 1828	Increase S. Davis,..	Oct. 9, 1828	S. S.	5	10	15	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	00
Haverhill,.....	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson..	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858.	58	137	195	40	10	9	19	7	2	0	9	7	2	160
Hanover Center,...	May 16, 1810	B. Smith,.....	May 13, 1829	S. S.	32	68	100	30	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	105
Lyme,.....	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney, D.D.	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	149	274	423	112	7	1	8	14	6	0	20	3	0	210
Littleton,.....	1803	Charles E.Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	33	109	142	23	10	6	16	1	0	0	1	6	2	200
Orford, West,.....	Apr. 30, 1822	M. T. Runnells,....	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.	20	50	70	23	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	2	135
Orford, Union.....	Aug. 27, 1770	J. T. Closson,.....	.....	S.S.Nov.3, '63	21	951	72	24	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	0	75
Piermont,.....	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden,.....	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	54	94	48	25	14	3	17	2	0	1	3	10	3	110
Wentworth,.....	Sept. 21, 1830	J. B. Hadley,.....	Sept 20, 1838	S. S.	12	50	62	6	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	125
Total, 11.		Vacant, 1. Pastors, 3. S. S., 6. Licentiate, 1.			416	949	1365	311	44	23	67	35	20	10	36	28	9	1195

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816, S. M. Blanchard, Wentworth, ordained Oct. 22, 1853. Asa D. Smith D. D., LL. D., President Dartmouth College, ordained Nov. 2, 1834.

JOHN D. EMERSON, Haverhill, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1778	D. Sawyer	May 13, 1846	S. S. 1860	16	32	48	24	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	78
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S. 1860	4	12	16	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	45
Alstead, New	1788	A. J. Fosdick	June 22, 1864	June 22, 1864	26	46	72	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Chesterfield,	1777	J. Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S. 1858	7	26	33	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Dublin,	June 10, 1772	Oscar Bissell	May 4, 1856	S. S. 1861	7	21	28	5	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	40
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	49	105	154	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	260
Gilsum,	1772	Vacant.			12	27	39	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	70
Harrisville,	Sept. 22, 1840	L. Marshall	Oct. 8, 1856	April 1, 1864	10	30	40	19	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	147
Hinsdale,	*1763	M. H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	47	80	127	13	3	5	8	4	1	0	5	2	2	164
Jaffrey,	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	32	84	116	27	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	160
Jaffrey, East	1850	Cyrus W. Allen	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S. 1863	24	48	72	19	4	6	10	1	0	0	1	2	0	96
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow; J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818; Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818; Jan. 29, 1861	70	281	351	25	16	8	24	9	1	0	10	10	7	589
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	28	72	100	23	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	2	0	180
Nelson,	1781	Jairus Ordway	April 26, 1848	S. S. 1861	47	76	123	29	15	2	17	1	1	0	2	8	2	170
Roxbury,		J. Willson		S. S.	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	6	29	35	8	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	0	00
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stowe	Jan. 31, 1855	S. S. 1863	26	50	76	8	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	0	0	112
Swanzey,	1741	Vacant.			18	46	64	9	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	0	152
Surry,	1769	Vacant.			2	12	14	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70
Troy,	1815	M. A. Chandler		S. S.	18	32	50	19	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	60
Walpole,	1761	Vacant.			18	76	94	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	85
Westmoreland,	1764	S. Bixby	June 30, 1853	S. S.	28	69	97	26	0	2	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	80
" Evang.	Feb. 19, 1852	Wm. Claggett	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S. 1864	5	21	26	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	57	104	161	31	4	2	6	6	3	0	10	3	6	260
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 8. S. S., 11.			551	1389	1940	348	52	43	95	44	25	1	70	33	19	3133

* Reorganised 1821.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Thomas W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1831; Franklin D. Austin, South Royalton, Mass., ordained June 23, 1858; Moses Gerould, Stoddard, ordained May, 1828.

LICENTIATE. A. F. Shattuck, Surry.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe*. J. A. HAMILTON, Keene, *Statistical Scribe*.

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Dc.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	nf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1855	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S.Sept.1859	13	33	46	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	70
Brentwood,	Nov., 1856	Hugh McLeod,	Jan., 1858	Jan., 1858	19	43	62	9	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	115
Dover, 1st church,	Jan. 7, 1639	Vacant.			61	209	270	43	27	5	32	7	6	0	13	17	4	241
Dover, Belknap ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	Vacant.			12	49	61	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	52	64	10	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	75
Exeter, 1st church,	1638	Elias Nason,	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	45	130	175	38	7	4	11	6	1	0	7	3	0	155
*Exeter, 2d church,	Jan., 1744	Vacant.			33	106	139	5	0	2	2	3	3	0	6	0	0	288
Epping,	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 5, 1844	S.S.June,1857	14	30	44	4	9	2	11	2	0	0	2	7	2	108
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent	Apr. 27, 1852	March 27,1860	7	32	39	6	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	117
Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	64	159	223	26	34	12	46	2	6	0	8	20	0	264
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	51	66	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	69
Hampton,	1638	James B. Thornton,	June 4, 1851	S.S.June,1864	57	109	166	25	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	85
H. Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.			12	12	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 4, 1838	June 30, 1864	6	23	29	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	5	110
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	10	36	46	5	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	130
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 20, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	30	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	S. D. Bowker,	Oct. 17, 1860	S. S., 1863	21	40	61	22	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	130
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John O. Barrows,	June 9, 1864	June 9, 1864	58	93	151	22	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	180
Portsmouth,	1671	George M. Adams,	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	81	238	319	55	20	10	30	5	6	1	12	9	7	284
Raymond,	1793	Geo. W. Sargent,	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	62	88	151	16	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	124
Rochester,	1737	Vacant.	May 23, 1854	Apr. 26, 1859	22	107	129	0	15	1	16	6	1	0	7	12	3	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	26	72	98	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.			18	69	87	53	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	5	134
South-Newmarket,	1730	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 25, 1845	S. S. Dec.1862	10	21	31	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	60
Stratham,	1746	Vacant.			15	36	51	10	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	80
Total 25.		Vacant Churches, 6.	Pastors, 13.	S. S., 6.	703	1883	2586	389	137	44	181	59	34	1	94	87	32	3282

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824. George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore, preaches at Lee.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*Last year's report.

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	55	93	148	21	0	5	5	12	6	1	19	9	4	125
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	S. G. Tenney,		1825 S. S.,	9	39	48	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40
Claremont,		1780 Edward W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	59	170	229	80	0	14	14	4	5	0	9	0	0	200
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	25	38	63	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	80
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			9	16	25	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			12	21	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	10	19	29	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Vacant.	April 25, 1860	S. S.,	9	26	35	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	65
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	45	100	145	4	0	0	2	2	4	0	6	2	6	125
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	Vacant.			33	47	80	27	2	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	50
Lempster, 2d Ch.,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			10	15	25	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	41	61	102	20	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	71	141	212	51	5	2	7	6	2	0	8	1	6	180
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			3	13	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.,	2	24	26	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 7. S. S., 3.			384	807	1191	266	8	23	31	38	19	1	59	4	16	1185

Without Charge. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained December 27, 1820; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden, ordained May, 1844.

Licentiates. Cyrus Richards, Meriden; ——— Catlin, Meriden, licensed November, 1863; Abel Wood, Meriden.

Charles A. Downs, Lebanon, *Scribe.* Henry Cummings, Newport, *Statistical Scribe*

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	William O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Sept.1, '60	71	107	178	64	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	3	1	145
Chichester,	1791	Mark Gould,			37	57	94	30	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50
Epsom,	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,	May 29, 1855	S. S., 1860	30	47	77	6	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	85
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.,	1774	Vacant.			10	22	32	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Gilmanton I. W'ks,	Sept. 20, 1830	D. B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	S.S.Aug.1, '62	31	59	90	20	6	0	6	1	0	4	5	5	0	75
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1803	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.July 1, '62	21	50	71	10	4	20	24	3	2	0	5	5	0	104
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Vacant.	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	46	85	131	14	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	1	1	164
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	Nov. 16, 1858	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	Vacant.			52	102	154	54	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	0	1	00
Total, 9.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			300	532	832	219	13	21	34	24	12	4	40	14	3	693

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Pittsfield, ordained November 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817; Joshua S. Gay, Chichester, ordained January 27, 1848.

WILLIAM O. CARR, Barnstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.	1788	J. H. Bates,	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	50	103	153	9	8	4	12	2	1	0	3	6	4	170
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Ira Morey,	August, 1849	S.S., Feb., 1864	14	30	44	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Morris Holman,	March, 1845	S.S. Aug., 1863	8	30	38	5	0	1	11	1	1	0	2	0	0	75
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	93	180	273	51	11	3	4	1	1	0	11	3	4	380
Greenfield, Cong.	Nov. 20, 1839	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	S.S. May, 1864	48	74	122	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	169
Greenfield, Evang.	Jan. 7, 1834	Rufus Case,*	May 5, 1842	S.S. May, 1864	34	63	97	20	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	2	2	
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	58	92	150	22	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	1	1	290
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839	Harry Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1857	18	57	75	7	2	2	4	5	0	0	5	1	3	110
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S., 1861	16	34	50	8	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	60
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	51	66	117	16	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	2	170
New-Boston, Pres.	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	27	78	115	17	23	1	24	2	0	2	4	8	6	200
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	39	86	115	7	17	1	18	1	2	0	3	0	2	225
Total, 12.		Pastors, 6. S. S., 5.			456	893	1339	179	62	21	83	33	14	2	48	21	26	1919

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel C. Bradford, Francestown, June, 1822.

*The two churches in Greenfield worship together the present year.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

13. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,..	June 18, 1850	July 10, 1861	107	144	251	125	8	3	11	4	8	0	12	3	0	126
West Lebanon,....	Nov. 8, 1849	John H. Edwards,..	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	32	60	92	15	7	4	11	4	2	0	6	6	3	155
Total, 2.*		Vacant Churches, 0. Pastors, 2.			139	204	343	140	15	7	22	8	10	0	18	9	3	281

WITHOUT CHARGE. Prof. Charles A. Aiken, S. G. Brown, D. D., Prof. Henry Fairbanks, D. J. Noyes, D. D., David Kimball.

JOHN H. EDWARDS, West-Lebanon, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

*Associated with ten churches in Vermont.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W.C.	Total.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,.....	6	13	7	0	3	10	0	290	589	879	179	12	15	27	16	13	1	30	7	4	934
2. Derry & Mach'r	2	24	15	7	2	24	0	992	2290	13282	607	342	62	404	75	49	6	130	182	48	3770
3. Harmony,.....	5	11	1	4	1	6	0	164	427	591	112	16	4	20	24	9	5	38	12	12	762
4. Hollis,.....	2	15	13	1	4	18	0	802	1872	2674	379	44	35	79	70	38	2	110	28	21	3168
5. Hopkinton,....	3	21	12	5	5	22	2	830	1703	2533	422	56	32	88	44	32	0	76	22	19	2827
6. Lancaster,.....	2	0	1	5	0	6	0	95	203	298	26	14	1	15	8	12	1	21	10	1	634
7. Monadnock,....	4	24	8	11	4	23	1	551	1389	1940	348	52	43	95	44	25	1	70	33	19	3133
8. Orange,.....	1	11	4	6	3	13	0	416	949	1365	311	44	23	67	35	20	1	56	28	9	1195
9. Piscataqua,...	6	25	13	6	3	22	1	703	1883	2586	389	137	44	181	59	34	1	94	87	32	3282
10. Sullivan,.....	5	15	7	3	2	12	3	384	807	1191	266	8	23	31	38	19	1	58	4	16	1185
11. Suncook,.....	3	9	1	5	4	10	0	300	522	832	219	13	21	34	24	12	4	40	14	3	693
12. Union,.....	0	12	6	5	1	12	0	456	893	1349	179	62	21	83	33	14	2	49	21	26	1919
13. White River,...	0	2	2	0	5	7	0	139	204	343	140	15	7	22	8	10	0	18	9	3	281
Total, 13.	39	190	90	58	37	185	7	6122	13741	19863	3577*	815	131	1146	478	287	25	790	455	213	23783

*Absentees are not additional to the total, being included in males and females.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott, Edward F., South Merrimack. 4.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams, Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Adams, George M., Portsmouth. 9.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Aiken, Charles A., Hanover. 13.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 7.
Amsden, S. H., Wilmot. 5.
Armes, Josiah L., Canterbury. 5.
Ayer, Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 8.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Bates, John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Bassett, Edward B., Westmoreland. 7.
Benson, Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 2.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell, Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Bixby, S., Westmoreland. 7.
Blake, Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 11.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3.
Blanchard, Amos, Merriden, 10.
Blanchard, Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell, James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman, Geo. A., Pres., Manchester. 2.
Bowker, S. D., Newmarket. 9.
Bradford, Samuel C., Francestown. 12.
Bradford, Dana B., Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 11.
Brickett, Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Brown, Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Burnham, Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 1
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 11.
Case, Rufus, Greenfield. 12.
Chapman, Elias, South Newmarket. 9.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett, Wm., Westmoreland. 7.
Clark, John, Bridgewater. 1.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 10.
Closson, J. T., Orford. 8.
Cogswell, Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 1
Condit, Uzal W., Salisbury. 8.
Cook, E. W., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser, Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings, Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings, Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice, Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler, Calvin, New-Ipswich. 4.
Cutler, Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 9.
Davis, Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Doldt, James, Milton. 3.
Davis, Increase S., Dorchester. 8.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 7.
Dustan, George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 13.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 9.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 13.
Fay, Henry C., West Northwood. 11.
Fay, Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fenn, William H., Manchester. 2.
Fiske, Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster, Amos, Acworth. 10.
Fosdick, A. J., New Alstead. 7.
Gay, Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord, William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard. 7.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 7.
Goodrich, Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester, 11.
Griswold, John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 1.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Center. 3.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 12.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Haley, Frank, Enfield. 10.
Hamilton, John A., Keene. 7.
Hart, Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2
Hayward, Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 1.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 2.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 2.
Hood, Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood, J. Augustine, Loudon Center. 11.
House, William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 7.
Huntington, H. S., Warner. 5.
Jameson, E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Jones, Isaac, Derry. 2.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 13.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 3.

Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
LeBosquet, John, Bethlehem. 6.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 13.
Lee, Samuel, New-Ipswich.
Leffingwell, Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Little, Levi, Danbury. 5.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall, Lyman, Harrisville. 12.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Brentwood. 9.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 9.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
McClenning, Daniel, Dalton. 6.
Nason, Elias, Exeter. 9.
Morey, Ira, Bennington. 12.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Ordway, Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis, Israel T., Rye. 9.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 6.
Park, H.G., Hancock.
Parker, Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parsons, Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Peffers, A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pike, Gustavus D., Nashua. 4.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 2.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 2.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Riddell, Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Rogers, George W., Salem. 2.
Robie, Edward, Greenland 9.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 7.
Rowe, Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells, Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sanborne, George E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent, George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage, Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage, William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer, Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 8.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding, Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Severance, M. S., Boscawen. 5.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stone, Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 7.
Tenney, Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney, Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 8.
Tewksbury, George F., Gorham. 6.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 8.
Thompson, George W., Stratham. 9.
Thornton, James B., Hampton. 9.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 2.
Thyng, John H., Fisherville. 5.
Tobey, Alvan, Durham. 9.
Tuxbury, Franklin, Exeter. 9.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Wells, Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White, Seneca, Amherst.
Willey, Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey, Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson, John G., Keene. 7.
Wood, Horace, Ossipee Corner. 3.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young, John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen ‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov
Grafton and Coos,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication
†Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education
‡Also, American and Foreign Christian Union
Also Christian Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

Held at Dover, August, 1866:

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD, N. H.:
PUBLISHED BY BENJAMIN P. STONE.
1866.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT DOVER, AUGUST, 1866.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONCORD, N. H.:
PUBLISHED BY BENJAMIN P. STONE.

77, May 1. By exchange of duplicates.

APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1867.

Annual Meeting at Nashua, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Preacher of opening sermon from the Suncook Association.

Committee on Naratives, Rev. John H. Edwards, of West Lebanon, and Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, of Hanover.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec. 4., Rev. E. M. Clark, of Claremont, Cyrus B. Richards, LL. D., Meriden, and C. B. Duncan Esq., of Meriden.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. E. D. Eldridge; substitute, Rev. G. M. Adams.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; Dea. As, Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Coos, 7 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June, Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 36 churches; 31 Cong.; 5 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis Clerk; George Swain, Esq', Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker, Clerk; George Hutchins, Esq., Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 31 churches: 30 Cong.; 1 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter, Treasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 29 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq., Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OE THE ASSOÇIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Associotion, and members of such committies as reported to it, shall be members *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughoft the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve

schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of a publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the disease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session: and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall sub-

sequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other societies and institutions, in such order and for such lenght of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2 1-2 o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend

religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be call, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Mondeator, or any two members. be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members: and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

6. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Maderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegtaes. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practical, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they

shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

And in case of failure of the appointed delegates to any foreign body, the Secretary is empowered to give a certificate to any minister or layman who may be able to attend to act as delegate from this Association to such body.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire held its fifty-seventh annual meeting in the meeting house of the First church in Dover, commencing on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by a sermon by Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., President of Dartmouth College, from, 1 John : 4 : 16.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair. Credentials of the Delegates were presented and the following members were enrolled:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Laconia; Rev. Charles Willey, Center Harbor.

Derby and Manchester—Rev. Isaac Willey, Pembroke; Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D., Manchester.

Harmony—Rev. Otis Holmes, Sandwich.

Hollis—Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst; Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis.

Hopkinton—Rev. H. A. Kendall, Concord; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville; Rev. Howard Moody, Canterbury.

Lancaster—

Monadnock—Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Winchester; Rev. J. S. Batchelder, Hinsdale.

Orange—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Hanover; Rev. N. Lord, D. D., Hanover.

Piscataqua—Rev. E. D. Eldredge, Kensington; Rev. E. N. Hidden, Somersworth; Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Farmington.

Sullivan—

Suncook—Rev. George Smith, Epsom.

Union—

White River—Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover.

LAYMEN FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Bro. S. W. Buffum, Winchester.

Coos—

Grafton—Bro. Isaac Willard, Orford; Dea. Wm. G. Brown, Campton.

Hillsborough—Dea. E. D. Boylston, Amherst; Dea. A. H. Dunlap, Nashua; Dea. Noah Farley, Hollis.

Merrimack—Dea. Frederick Sanborn, Epsom; Bro. D. A. Gerrish, North Boscawen; Dea. James M. Carleton, East Concord.

Rockingham—Bro. Horace Webster, Portsmouth.

Strafford—Dea. Enoch Plumner, Milton; Dea. S. S. Rollins, Great Falls; Bro. Levi Leach, Meredith.

Sullivan—

EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. A. S. Walker, Pastor; Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Secretary; Rev. W. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary; Rev. E. B. Claggett, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Committee reporting to this body.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. J. T. McCollom, Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D.

New-Hampshire Conference of M. E. Church—Rev. O. H. Jasper.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. P. B. Thayer.

General Conference of Massachusetts—Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. John K. Young, D. D., of Laconia, Moderator; Horace Webster, Portsmouth, Scribe; Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Farmington, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Avery S. Walker, Dover; Dea, Enoch Plummer, Milton; Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Kensington, with the Secretary, to be Committe of Arrangements.

Rev. Pliny E. Day, D. D., Hollis; Dea. A. H. Dunlap, Nashua; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, Committee of Nominations.

Adjourned to 10 minutes before 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., of Concord.

Rev. John H. Edwards, of West Lebanon; Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, of Hanover, were appointed Committee on Naratives and an Address to the Churches.

Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont; S. B. Duncan, Esq., Meriden; Cyrus Richards, Meriden, Committee of Inquiry.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary, viz: From the Congregational Union of Canada, Aug. 2, 1865; The General Association of Michigan; The General Association of California; The General Association of Indiana.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., of Hollis, the Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. E. B. Claggett, of Lyndeborough.

After singing, obituary notices of the following clergymen deceased during the year, was read by Rev. E. B. Claggett, viz: Rev. Thomas Savage, Bedford; Rev. Jacob Cummings, Exeter; Rev. John R. Adams, D. D., formerly of Londonderry; Rev. Jacob White, formerly of Lyndeboro'; Rev. Christopher M. Cordley, formerly of Hopkinton; Rev. George W. Stinson, formerly of Dalton; Rev. Charles H. Boyd, a native of Francestown, and of Mrs. Jane Aiken Harris, of Manchester, widow of Rev. Walter Harris, D. D., of Dunbarton.

Brief practical remarks were made by Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, of Kensington, and by Rev. President Smith of Dartmouth College upon the recent work of Grace in the College.

Rev. J. T. McCollom presented the salutations of the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. O. H. Jasper, delegate of the New-Hampshire Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, presented the salutations of that body.

Rev. James Rand, of the Free Will Baptist Church; Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, and Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) made interesting addresses.

After prayer by Rev. Isaac Willey, of Pembroke, and benediction by Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D., of Hanover, voted to adjourn to 7 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Dr. Day in the chair.

Voted, To print 400 copies of the Minutes, and if found practicable by the Publishing Committee, to connect one-half of these with the Report of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Voted, To raise $200 to defray expenses.

After prayer by Rev. Isaac P. Langworth, of Boston, Mass., addresses on Home Evangelization were made by Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D., Rev. Isaac Willey, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., and Rev. President Smith, D. D.

Prayer by Dea. A. H. Dunlap.

After benediction by Rev. Dr. Day, adjourned to Wednesday morning at 9 o'lock.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 29, 8 o'clock, A. M.

A prayer meeting of one hour's duration was conducted by Rev. L. S. Parker, of Derry.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. E. N. Hidden. of Great Falls. Roll was called and the minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Voted, That the subject of providing and publishing a Pastoral Address to the Churches, (the preparation of the same having failed by the removal of Rev. S. Hayward,) be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., presented the salutations of the General Conference of Massachusetts.

Rev. P. B. Thayer, presented the salutations of the General Conference of Maine.

The following delegates to foreign bodies reported, viz: Rev. W. Clark, delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rev. J. P. Humphrey, delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. W. R. Jewett, delegate to the General Conference of Massachusetts; Rev. H. A. Hazen, delegate to the General Conference of Vermont; Rev. J. W. Chickering, Jr., delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

The Report or the Treasurer, with the Auditor's certificate, was read and adopted.

The Association gave attention to reports from various benevolent societies.

After remarks by Rev. A. P. Marvin in behalf of the American Cong. Association. The following resolution, presented by Rev. Dr. Davis, was adopted.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the design of the American Congregational Association, to erect in Boston, a Congregational Building and Home for our denomination, and to collect a full and complete Library of Congregational History, Biography and Literature, and we earnestly commend the object to all our congregations as worthy of their generous gifts.

Addresses were made as follows:

By Rev. Wm. Warren, in behalf of the A. B. C. F. M.

By Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the Am. Tract Soc. of N. Y.

By Rev. John Wood, in behalf of the Am. Tract Soc. of Boston.

By Rev. W. C. Child, D. D., in behalf of Am. Tract Soc. of Boston.

By Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, in behalf of the Am. Cong. Union.

By Rev. Isaac Willey, in behalf of the N. H. Bible Society.

By Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Soc.

By Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., in behalf of Am. For. Ch. Union.

By Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., in behalf of the Religious Aspects of the cause of Temperance.

The public services were closed by singing, and by the benediction by Rev. Pres't Smith.

Rev. W. R. Jewett read the following Report, which was accepted:

The Committee appointed by the last General Associrtion to confer with the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, respecting their obtaining a change in their charter, so as to enable them to hold funds for the relief of indigent and disabled clergymen,

Report, That they have attended to the duty assigned to them—that the Trustees have obtained such a change in their charter as recommended—that the corporate name of the Society is now "The Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund." The charter has also been so amended, as to enable the Trustees to hold funds to the amount of $30,000, exempt from taxation hereafter, also, the General Association are empowered to chose two Trustees of the Fund, one clergyman and one layman, and to fix the time for the election of said Trustees and their length of service.

W. R. Jewett, for the Com.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widow's Charitable Fund was read and accepted.

Voted, To accept the privilege of electing two of the Trustees of said Fund, and that their term of office be three years.

Voted, To recommend to the churches an annual collection for the object as suggested in the report.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:

Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Wm. Piske.

To the General Conference of Vermont:

Primary, Rev. L. Conant. *Substitute*, Rev. J. D. Emerson.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton. *Substitute*, Rev. I. C. White.

To the General Conference of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. P. Fay. *Substitute*, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

To the General Association of Connecticut:

Primary, Rev. E. Robie. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Page.
To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey. *Substitute*, Rev. A. S. Walker.
To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. J. H. Edwards. *Substitute*, Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D.
To the General Association of Ohio:
Primary, Rev. W. T. Savage. *Substitute*, Rev. M. L. Severance.
To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. Charles Cutler. *Substitute*, Rev. B. F. Parsons.
To the General Association of Indiana:
Primary, Rev. A. Berry. *Subsiitute*, Rev. R. Chase.
To the General Association of Missouri:
Primary, Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. W. House.
To the General Association of Illinois:
Primary, Rev. J. Holmes. *Substitute*, Rev. Calvin Cutler.
To the Pres. and Cong. Conventions of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. H. Barrows. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Little.
To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. E. Haskell. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Doldt.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.):
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. G. Dustan.
To the General Association of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. L. Marshall. *Substitute*, Rev. J. H. Bates.
To the General Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. P. C. Pratt. *Substitute*, Rev. Joseph Blake.
To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. J. L. Tomlinson. *Substisute*, Rev. R. M. Sargent.
To the General Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. M. T. Runnels. *Substitute*, Rev. E. Chapman.
To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. R. Kimball. *Substituse*, Rev. B. Smith.
To the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:
Primary, Rev. L. S. Parker. *Substitute*, Rev. W. L. Gaylord.
To the Baptist Convention of New-Hampshire:
Primary, Rev. F. D. Ayer. *Substitute*, Rev. P. B. Day, D. D.
To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. C. E. Milliken. *Substitute*, Rev. E. W. Clark.
Place of next meeting—Nashua.
Preacher of the opening sermon from Suncook Association.
Preacher of closing sermon, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, primary, Rev. G. M. Adams, substitute.
Auditor—Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., of Concord.
Adjourned to 1 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 1 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Plymouth.

The question of a State Religious Paper was discussed by Rev. Drs. Stone, Davis and Wallace, and Rev. Messrs. Ray, Sargent, Fiske, Clarke, Smith, Batchelder and Walker.

Rev. W. H. Wentworth presented the claims of the American Missionary Association.

The Association then gave way to the Annual Meeting of the New-Hampshire Branch of the American Educational Society.

Rev. Prof, Noyes, D. D., of Hanover, President, in the chair.

Devotional services, were conducned by Rev. Dr. Wallace.

Rev. S. P. Leads presented the Secretary's Report, and an Address was made by Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of the Parent Society. Remarks were also made by Rev. Drs. Davis, Pres't Smith and Rev. Isaac Willey, upon the importance and the progress of the work of founding Scholarships in Dartmouth College.

At 4 o'clock the Association gave place to the N. H. S. S. Union.

Prayer by Rev. Lewis Grout, of Vermont.

Addresses, interspersed with singing by the S. S. children, were made by Rev. Messrs. Woodworth, Langworthy and Chickering, and Rev. Drs. Day and Quint.

Voted, That the same arrangement be made with the *Christian Reporter* as last year in regard to publishing the Minutes of the Association.

Voted, To adjourn at 6 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 6 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. T. McCollom, of Medford, Mass.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to procure the binding of the former Minutes for the use of the Association.

Voted, To amend the 3d Section of Article X of the Constitution, by adding the following clause:

And in case of failure of the appointed delegates to any foreign body, the Secretary is empowered to give a certificate to any Minister or Layman, who may be able to attend, to act as delegate from this Association to such body.

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., of Amherst, was elected Secretary for the next three years.

At 7 1-2 o'clock adjourned to assemble in Belknap Church for public services; where after singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. Clark, the following questions were fully and ably discussed, viz:

1. What means should be used to instruct youth in Christian doctrines? Should the Catechism be more used or Bible lessons? by Rev. Prof. Noyes, D. D., of Dartmouth College, Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, and Rev. Dr. Thurston, of Maine.

2. Does the interest of the cause of Christ in this State call for more sympathy and co-operation between our strong and feeble churches? by Rev. Dr. Quint, of Massachusetts.

3. Is it desirable to substitute the exercises of the Sabbath

School for the afternoon sermon, or can any inprovement be made in the order of our public religious services for the Sabbath? by Rev. S. P. Leads, of Hanaver.

After singing, adjourned to Thursday at 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, Aug. 30, 8 o'clock.

A prayer meeting, in Belknap Church, was conducted by Rev. E. Haskell, pastor of that church.

9 O'CLOCK.—Association met according to adjournment; Prayer by Rev. Joseph Blake, of Gilmanton.

Roll called; The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Rev. John K. Young, D. D., of Laconia, and Hon. John W. Noyes, of Chester, were chosen Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the best method of designating delegates to foreign bodies, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Rev. Dr. Day, of Hollis, and Rev. Messrs. Parsons and Hooker, of Nashua, were appointed that committee.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the Anniversary Exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Prof. Noyes.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Rev. Wm. C. Clark presented his report as Secretary, which was accepted.

Addresses were made by Rev. G. M. Adams, of Portsmouth; Rev. D. D. Tappan, of Wakefield; Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., of Concord; Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., Secretary of Maine Missionary Soc.

Prayer by Rev. Joseph Blake.

The report on Ministerial Support prepared by a committee from the Hilsboro' Conference was read.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Association has listened with aprobation to a circular addressed to the churches of Hillsboro' Conference on the subject of Ministerial Support, by a committee of laymen, in which they say "the subject demands serious consideration, and prompt action," and we earnestly ask the attention of our churches to the wants of the Ministry; believing that the interests of religion in the State imperiously demand this consideration.

Resolved, That a committee of three laymen be appointed to correspond with the Ministry and Churches of the State, for the purpose of collecting the facts which are requisite to just understanding of the wants of the Ministry, and a more adequate provisions for their support and report as early as practicable through the press.

Horace Webster, of Portsmouth; William Ramsdell, of Milford; Hon. Thomas J. Melvin, of Chester, were appointed that committee.

Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D., made a statement in regard to making the *Boston Record* an organ of communication between our churches. After discussion by Rev. Drs. Noyes, Wallace and Davis, Messrs. Sargent, Walker and Fiske, and Dea. Dunlap, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on State Papers be authorized to accept the proposals of Rev. Dr. Marvin, on the conditions by which he offers to make the *Recorder* a special organ of inter-communication between our churches, and we hereby recommend the *Recorder* to our churches as worthy of their confidence and patronage.

Adjourned to 1 : 50 o'clock, P. M.

---

1 : 50 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Association presents its grateful acknowledgments to the committee of arrangements and the citizens of Dover, for their considerate provision for the entertainment of the Association, and for the cordiality with which its members and friends from abroad have been welcomed to their homes.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be extended to the officers of the Boston & Maine, Concord & Northern, for their courtesy in furnishing return tickets over their respective Railroads.

Rev. Drs. Wallace and Eddy were designated to officiate at the communions.

The public services of the closing meeting were opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. J. T. McCollom. A sermon from Ps. 137, 5–6, was preached by Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered, Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., and Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D. officiating.

The Conference adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN K. YOUNG, *Moderator*.

H. WEBSTER, *Scribe*.

ROGER M. SARGENT, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

New-Hampshire is not a large State. Illinois is nearly six times her size; Texas twenty-five times. Nor is New-Hampshire a populous State. A single *city* in the Union numbers more than twice as many people. Neither is New-Hampshire a wealthy State. Rhode Island, with scarcely one-seventh as much territory, can boast a larger aggregate of real and personal estate. And yet New-Hampshire is not to be regarded as altogether "least among the princes of Juda." It has ever been "a good State to emigrate from." Thousands of our sons and daughters have been blessings to other parts of our country and the world. Among these granite hills are elements of sterling character, inviting the best intellectual, moral and religious culture. Our churches, our schools, and our college, must be regarded as of inestimable value, not only to New-Hampshire, but to the millions outside of New-Hampshire. As representatives of the churches and therefore friends of educational culture, we have assembled to consult for the gravest interests of humanity at home and abroad.

Is it not fitting, therefore, to make a brief survey of our field of operations, that we may see what God has done for us, and what he would have us do for him?

Commencing with the Northern part of our field, we find 7 churches belonging to two counties, but constituting the Coos Conference, which reported one year ago the aggregate of 323 resident members. With two exceptions these churches are small, yet they have been, and we hope still are, centres of more or less christian influence. Lancaster and Littleton have able pastors, with a good degree of religious interest; Dalton, a worthy stated supply, and West Stewartstown has lately been favored with the labors of a Princeton student, who was recently reported as doing a good work, and for the year closing the 1st of August, Colebrook enjoyed the labors of Rev. Caleb Page, while Bethlehem and Franconia, until the 1st of April last, were favored with the preaching of the gospel upwards of two years from Rev. John LeBosquet. Thus these seven churches, though not distinguished like the seven churches of Asia, have not been without "angels," and have accomplished, we trust, to some extent, their mission of light and love. Some of these churches have been very useful in former years, not only at home, but also abroad. The Bible, the Catechism, and the preaching of the Word, with their mountain scenery, gave them character. Their colonies and emigrants, many of them "steadfast in the faith," are this day exerting a salutary influence in the different parts of the land. Is it not the dictate of wisdom to sustain with a liberal hand all such weaker churches, so long as they are a central christian force in the field of the Lord? In the last year's narratives of the state of relig-

ion, says one of the pastors there, this region is spoken of as the place where "Satan's seat is." I have often thought that people in other parts of the State have a very wrong notion of the condition of things in this region. Satan has his strongholds; but having some acquaintance in other parts of the State, I think it does not in every respect compare unfavorably with other parts of New-Hampshire. The truth is, and it is a *sad truth*, with reference to Congregationalism, that in these places of weak churches, the Congregational churches are worked with less efficiency than almost any other. Free Will Baptists, and Methodists, always have a man for every place, and often he proves a very good man. But Congregational churches are often destitute for long periods. What the remedy for all this may be I cannot tell, but the practical result apparently will be, that other churches will gradually supercede those of the Congregational order.

Going South from Coos, we enter the bounds of the Grafton Conference, embracing 23 churches with a membership of 2021, including absentees. Three of these churches have become nearly extinct, and two others are fast hastening toward the same melancholly result. The statistical reports, also from this Conference the present year, show a numerical loss on the part of the churches as a whole.

Several changes transpired in the ministry the past year. The pastor of the church in Enfield, Rev. B. F. Haley, was dismissed on account of failing health and inadequate support, and Rev. V. J. Hartshorn has, for a time, taken his place. The church in Bristol has lost in consequence of ill health, the valued services of Rev. C. F. Abbott, who had labored for them five years. Rev. M. T. Runnells has left Orford; Rev. J. H. Thyng, Danbury, and Rev. Geo. Smith, Bath. All these places, however, except Bristol, have obtained stated supplies, and Orfordville, destitute last year, has secured the services of a preacher of the Word.

Although it is painful to record so many changes in the ministry of Grafton Conference, yet it is cheering to know that there are several flourishing churches in this field whose charitable collections indicate a good degree of life and ability. The special influence of the spirit have also been vouchsafed. A portion of the church at Lebanon have evinced a good state of feeling, some conversions have taken place, eight have confessed Christ, and probably others will unite ere long. This, however, is not regarded by the pastor as a revival. "It is no more than has been usual during his ministry there." A state of things much more desirable, we think, "than great revivals *and great declensions*.

God has greatly revived the church at West Lebanon, and bestowed converting grace upon the people, and the Ladies' Seminary in that place. Between forty and fifty are added as having been renewed, or revived from a backslidden state, and more have expressed some degree of hope. Thirty-three have been admitted to

the church by profession; twenty of whom were heads of families, some of them of advanced age. None of the seminary scholars from abroad united with the church at West Lebanon, but some of them have united elsewhere. The interest still continues in a subdued form, and others are expected to confess Christ at the next communion.

With devout thankfulness we record the descent of the spirit's power upon Dartmouth College the last Spring. We cannot do better than to occupy your attention with a communication from the President, under date of Aug. 11th. "The first manifestations were in near connection with the day of prayer for institutions of learning, though the work has been traced back to an intense desire for the special presence of the Holy Spirit felt by some connected with the college, at the close of the last term. They were moved to seek first, for the College, 'the kingdom of God and the righteousness thereof,' and their prayer was in due time answered. The interest was still, quiet, attended by little animal excitement, but deep and pervading. A change came over the whole aspect of the institution. The means used were mainly prayer, and conversation with individuals. There was no great multiplication of preaching services. Class prayer-meetings were for weeks held daily, at which one after another of the non-professors would ask for the prayers of christians, or speak of a newly cherished hope. Some twenty-five of the students gave evidence of a saving change, while others received impressions which it is believed they will never lose. Some of them had been among the most thoughtless in College. There were few of the students, indeed, who did not manifest unusual seriousness. Professors of religion were greatly quickened, and some, who had thought of other pursuits, *had their hearts turned to the ministry*. The revival will add, it is believed, a number of laborers to the whitening harvest. The prayers of the churches are earnestly desired, that the gifts of God's grace may be continued to this ancient institution, making it as it has been in times past, a blessing to the world, as well in relation to religion as to sound learning. * * I wish to commend the College to the sympathies of all praying people. Yours very truly,

ASA D. SMITH."

For the work of grace in Dartmouth College, we have abundant reason to praise God, and this appeal from her presiding officer will be met, we trust, with the heartiest response by the ministers and delegates of the churches of New-Hampshire. Does it not become us to cherish the highest regard for this venerable institution. Is not her prosperity intimately connected with the interests of religion as well as learning in our State and elsewhere? Let the enterprise of founding scholarships be carried forward to completion. For while they benefit the College, and help indigent students of christian character and promise, will they not more deeply enlist the interest and sympathies of the churches that contribute? The Lord

of the harvest make this institution furnish large quotas of reapers for the whitening fields.

On the South of Grafton is the smaller County of Sullivan, which contains but fifteen townships in which we have 13 churches, containing 1036 members, including absentees. Ten churches are favored with the preaching of the gospel the most of the time, although only five or six of them are self-supporting, and only three just now have settled pastors. The churches in Acworth and Meriden have each of them dismissed and received a pastor during the year under report; and Newport has lost an excellent minister who, the last month, closed a pastorate of fifteen years, to accept a call from Rutland, Mass. Also Rev. J. F. Griswold, stated supply in Washington for about twenty years, closed his labors there several months ago.

While a few hopeful conversions have taken place in other parts of the County, Meriden has enjoyed a precious visitation from on high. The week of prayer was prolonged "with marked interest and attention," although the spirit's power was not largely developed until the Spring term of the Academy. "Our new pastor," writes Dr. Richards, "entered very earnestly into the work. None but ordinary means were employed, and but one additional meeting in the week was appointed. The interest was not entirely confined to the school. There was the hearing ear very generally manifested. Very many came to the house of God who had been for a long time strangers there; and there was a new willingness to contribute to the support of the gospel."

The number of hopeful conversions is not definitely stated. The estimate of from fifty to seventy-five is given, but with some hesitation. Twenty-six were admitted to the church in July, seventeen of them by profession. Most of the students unite with the churches at their homes. We have cause for special interest in this revival at K. U. Academy, as it has brought minds, pursuing a course of education, into the service of the Divine Redeemer. "Praise ye the Lord."

Still further South lies another County, whose 25 Congregational churches constitute the Cheshire Conference; the pastors and stated supplies of which, with a single exception, form also one ministerial association named after their magnificent Monadnock. Of these churches, having a membership of 2179, including absentees, three-fourths are self-supporting, of which full one-fourth are favored with considerable numerical and pecuniary strength, and nearly all of them have a moral power that gives them more than a name to live. Some of them are giving thought and effort to the work of home evangelization; several report an increase in their Sabbath Schools, and others have engaged with some degree of zeal in the diffusion of religious reading, especially among those not reached by the ordinary means of grace. There have, however, been several ministerial changes within the limits of this Conference. The able and

excellent pastor of the church in Hinsdale closed his labors there one year ago, and was succeeded in March, by Rev. John S. Batchelder, formerly of Jaffrey, N. H.

Rev. John H. Hamilton closed his junior pastorate of about four and one-half years at Keene, in September, 1865, and on the 16th of August, 1866, Rev. J. A. Leach was installed in his place. The church at Walpole, a year ago, received for their pastor, Mr. G. H. DeBevois, from Andover, Mass. Rev. A. J. Fosdick was dismissed in March last from his pastoral charge in New-Alstead, which has extended a call to Rev. I. T. Otis, late of Rye, N. H. Rev. A. T. Shattuck has closed his labors as stated supply in Surry; Rev. Lyman Marshall, in Harrisville; Rev. Wm. Ordway, in Nelson; and Rev. E. B. Bassett, in Gilsum, while the church in Langdon has received, as stated supply, Rev. Moses Gerould, who has been for many years a faithful and devoted laborer in this State. So many changes in the ministry are not indications of good; they are wont to be unfavorable to special interest and religious progress. Yet we are permitted to record special visitations of mercy to some of the churches.

A gentle refreshing from the power of the Lord has been experienced in Fitzwilliam. Eighteen or twenty, all members of the Sabbath School, have given evidence of conversion, and twelve, most of them heads of families, have confessed Christ before the world. A dying member of the church sent messages of love to seven adult friends, and made them the subject of prayer. During the last year the entire seven entered into covenant relation with the people of God. A word fitly spoken, how precious it often is!

The venerable senior pastor of the church in Keene, writes the 6th of August, "We have had indeed an interesting movement. About twenty have already united with the church, and a considerable number of others have indulged a hope in Christ, and there are still occasional conversions."

In reply to a note of inquiry, the pastor of the church in Stoddard informs us, under date of Aug. 4th, "We have enjoyed a work of grace here. Thirty or more indulge a hope of having experienced a saving grace. Seventeen from the age of 21 to 85, have already united with the church as fruits of the revival, and more will probably be admitted at the next communion."

Turning to the East from Cheshire, we come within the bounds of Hillsboro' Conference, embracing 31 Congregational and 5 Presbyterian churches, whose resident membership is 4453. Twenty of these churches have pastors, four of them, Bedford, Mt. Vernon, Nashua first, and Temple, having recieved theirs the past year. Antrim, Brookline, Franklin St. Manchester, and New-Boston, have lost their pastors since the last meeting of this body, and now, with Merrimack, are supposed to be anxious to obtain able and faithful men to fill the vacancies. The Mission church in Manchester is again favored with the labors of Rev. T. P. Sawin, its former pastor.

Although changes have transpired, yet nearly all the churches are favored with the constant preaching of the gospel from either transient or stated supplies, and a good degree of outward prosperity is reported, Sabbath services being well attended, prayer meetings sustained with more than usual interest, and Sabbath School in a flourishing condition."

Although the two churches in Greenfield have not effected a union, yet they continue to worship together, and it is earnestly hoped that they twain will soon become *permanently one.*

To several of the churches in this Conference, God has been specially gracious. During the Winter and Spring, an awakening was experienced in Mason Village, which added several to the church. For several months a more powerful work was carried on in the parish of Temple and Sharon, resulting in the hopeful conversion of sixty souls.

It is hoped also, that upwards of fifty have been born of God in Mt. Vernon, the result of a great awakening there. Upon the evangelical churches in Nashua, was poured, last winter a spirit of prayer and christian union which brought them "together with one accord in one place," the first week in Jan., and "by the 2d or 3d weeks, when cases of conversion began to be developed, the largest churches were crowded to overflowing, galleries and aisles one compact mass, gathered to listen to the prayers and exhortations of the people of God, and the story of redeeming love as it came warm and gushing from the hearts of new-born souls." These prayer meetings were succeeded by a series of union lectures, the churches meanwhile carrying on the work in their respective parishes. As the result of their work, it is judged that at least 150 souls were born again, many of whom have united with the Congregational churches. The number of conversions, says the Conference report, is not large, when we take into view the population of the place and the membership of the churches, yet it is such a refreshing and such a manifestation of God's goodness, as Nashua has not enjoyed for many years. The character of the converts is such as adds greatly to the strength of the churches," many of them young men, and many heads of families in the vigor of life.

We thankfully record the grace of God, also, upon Bennington. The week of prayer was observed; the church was revived; the ungodly were awakened; 14 give of conversion; 11 have confessed Christ, and the prospects of the church, was much cast down by the depressing trials of former years. are greatly brightened. Such, in brief, is the record of Hillsboro' Conference.

Adjacent on the North is Merrimack County, in which we have 24 churches, embracing a resident membership of 2345, all favored with the preaching of the gospel, except Andover, which has been entirely destitute several years. Only 12 of these churches, however, are provided with pastors, three having been settled the past year at Hopkinton, Pittsfield and Warner. The church in Dunbar-

ton has lost a highly valued pastor, who felt it duty to ask his dismission to accept a call from South Berwick. Concord, South, has given another able and faithful pastor to Dartmouth College. Rev. E. O. Jameson has left his pastoral charge at East Concord, for a field of labor out of the State, and Rev. A. A. Baker, late of Cornwall, Vt., has, for one year, taken his place; Rev. A. B. Peffers, stated supply about five years at Epsom, has also left the State, and is preaching at North Wrentham, Mass., and Rev. George Smith late of Bath has succeeded him.

Although no general revival is reported within the limits of the Conference, yet some special interest has been enjoyed, and hopeful conversions have taken place. "The loss by death and dismission has been comparatively small, and the number of members has considerably increased." "The interest in the usual service of the Lord's day has been very good, and the Sabbath School work has been carried on with even more than usual energy and apparent success," many of the converts belonging to this institution. "In one of the schools reported, a class of seven gave six souls to the Lord," yet it is stated that among the subjects of renewing grace, "a goodly company are the heads of families." In one place, out of twelve or fourteen born again, nine belong to this class. It is gratifying to learn, also, that the extra means of grace employed in some places have had the effect to "render the followers of Christ more thoughtful, earnest and prayerful," and that "the mind of the church, as seen in the reports, seems peculiarly disposed to religious revival.

We next proceed to the 31 churches of Rockingham Conference, several of them very ancient, one of them, Hampton, the oldest in the State. A year ago they reported a resident membership of 2814. 14 churches number over 100 total; 4, over 200; and one, that at Portsmouth, over 300. These churches are nearly all provided with pastors or stated supplies. The material changes have been few. Rev. Hugh McLeod was dismissed at his request last Oct. from Brentwood, to enter the service of the Christian Commission in Texas; more recently, Rev. Loren Thayer was dismissed on account of ill health from the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church in Windham, and Rev. I. T. Otis, from Rye; and Rev. Jacob Hood, stated supply, has left Nottingham. On the other hand, Exeter, 2d Church, Hampton, Candia and Deerfield, have all received pastors, and Newmarket and Northwood, stated supplies. Kensington, though having but a small church, has built a beautiful house of worship, and, by the blessing of God, paid for it and filled it.

Hampton and Hampstead have each been blest with a revival which brought 21 into one church, and 24 into the other. Quickening visitations of the Spirit have been experienced also by other churches, but no definite information has been obtained.

Three counties and 29 churches, with a resident membership of 1936 are embraced in Strafford Conference within whose bounds we are assembled. These churches are favored with the services of 23

ministers, eight of them settled pastors, and fifteen, stated supplies, several of whom have labored longer in their respective places than the average duration of pastorates. No death has occurred, and but one, Rev. D. B. Bradford, of Gilmanton Iron Works, has left his field of labor which is now occupied by Rev. Jeremiah Blake. Salmon Falls and Wakefield, last year reported destitute, are now blest with the stated ministration of the Word. The ancient church of Sanbornton, last year without a settled pastor for the first time since its organization 94 years ago, has again received an under shepherd as stated supply. Even Alton and North Wolfboro' are supplied a part of the time, and at two stations, Lee and Ossipee Corner, where we have no ecclesiastical organization, the gospel is preached. Only four churches are entirely destitute, being too feeble, or too devoid of life to sustain public worship. Most of the churches of this Conference are represented as firmly adhering to the doctrines of evangelical truth; as cherishing affectionate regard for those placed over in the gospel; as evincing "a fair measure of benevolence;" and as heartily enlisted in the great moral and social enterprise of good, as the cause of Temperance and that of Education; while the most of them maintain stated meetings for prayer. Yet tender lamentations are expressed that the members are not more zealous and active for the salvation of men. In several places the past winter and spring there were marked indications of coming good, and strong hopes were entertained that the set time to favor Zion was at hand; but as "the work was hindered from reaching full results," it was urged upon the people of God at the last meeting of the Conference "to search and see why the Spirit was grieved away." Yet mercy drops have fallen, and in several places converting power has been vouchsafed, in Centre Harbor as many as twelve giving evidence of a saving change. It is gratifying, also, to learn that some of the churches have had the joy the past year of gathering in a part of the fruits of former revivals; as Ossipee, Sandwich, Sanbornton, Farmington, Durham and Laconia. This very ancient church whose cordial hospitality is extended to these "strangers elect," we heartily congratulate on having lately received to your fellowship, 6 by letter, and 41 by profession. At the close of the *next two and a quarter centuries*, may this Zion be found, not only flourishing, but living in the light of the millennial day.

This completes our specific narrative of the state of religion within the eight Conferences of our beloved Commonwealth. From all we can gather, we judge that general harmony prevails among our churches, that some advance has been made the past year in contributions to causes of benevolence, that the attendance on public worship is about the same as usual, and that Sabbath Schools are sustained with a good degree of interest and success. These schools are evidently regarded as essential to the prosperity of Zion, and from their influence on the 23,532 members brought under their instruction, we hope for great and good results.

In some of our counties the cause of Temperance is receiving increased attention, and there are indications of tendencies towards a general movement. Temperance organizations are not uncommon, as "Sons of Temperance;" "Daughters of Temperance;" "Bands of Hope;" and "Dash-Aways." Nor are the places few where the people have for a time at least, suppressed the traffic by the arm of the law. Neither are temperance addresses unknown. And is there not just cause for all this and vastly more? The vice spreads; its progress is appalling; its victims tens of thousands; its woes unutterable. The demand for action, therefore, is stronger than words can express. But there is no concert; no readoption of temperance principles; no general system of operations. Are we prepared for a general movement? Can we reunite on the old creed of total abstinence, moral suasion, and legal prohibition? Will not the ministers and churches of New Hampshire take earnest hold of this cause?

More attention is also given to the subject of misterial support. Discussion has been had, and in one county, a published appeal from a committee of laymen has been circulated. Many societies have increased the salaries of their ministers; others have tried to supply the lack by donations, and the conviction is evidently gaining ground that it is both unwise and criminal to withhold the tithes from the Levites. But a large amounts of want still exists. A voice from one of our Conferences is not very unlike the wail of anxiety and distress. "In view of the high prices it is becoming an increasingly perplexing question, how ministers can subsist in comfort, and with due giving of themselves to the work of their calling, on the salaries to which they submitted during the war with the hope of subsequent relief. Unreplenished libraries, empty wardrobes, meagre fare, worn garments, families in anxiety, and children untaught because their fathers cannot give them means for education, are evils which stare some of our ministers in the face, and anxious hearts are compelled to inquire whether duty requires them to resort to other means of subsistence. Societies must give more attention to this matter, or a starved ministry will be forced to abandon their calling and leave the churches to famish." Would it be wise to call a convention of the churches to take up this subject?

Such is our survey of the field occupied by the 189 churches of this Association. Some of them are nearly extinct; others are hastening to the same result. But while some *decrease*, others *increase*. They are a great moral power in the State. They always have been. They have promoted the gravest interests of men for time and for eternity. God can make them the medium of still greater good. He can give them new life, new vigor, new power of conquest. What precious reassurances he gave us the past year that "his hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

For our Zion it becomes us to cherish the strongest, tenderest re-

gards. Her polity, her faith, her catholic spirit, her freedom of thought, her hatred of oppression, her love of learning, render her justly dear to our hearts. A dying believer was told that his time was short; "Then," said he, "take me out of bed and place me on my knees, that I may pray for the church once more." Said God's ancient people in a strange land, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." Such let our spirit be. And may the Great Head of the Church revive his people, and lead "forth conquering and to conquer."

E. B. CLAGGETT,
CHARLES CUTLER.

OBITUARIES.

The Lord has dealt graciously with the pastors of the State during the year, not one of whom has been called away by death. And yet death has not been idle. Two of the fathers in the ministry have been summoned, each of them after having completed an active service of more than forty years. Of these we must speak, while we should not omit to record the removal of others, who in time past, served our churches.

Rev. THOMAS SAVAGE was born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 2, 1793, was graduated at Harvard College in 1813; studied divinity at Cambridge; was ordained minister at large by the Mississippi Presbytery, at Natchez, Aug. 9, 1822; was installed over the Presbyterian church in Bedford, July 5, 1826; was dismissed Jan. 3, 1866, and died May 8, 1866. Mr. S. was possessed of peculiar excellence of character. As a scholar he was exact and thorough. He was not a theologian in the technical sense of the word, but with a clear, experimental knowledge of the great truths of the Scriptures, who was wont to present them with wonderful simplicity and force. His style was rich and chaste, adorned with many an apt quotation from the English classics, rendering his preaching peculiarly vivid and attractive. He was eminently cordial and social. The men of learning, the lady of fashion, the uncultivated laborer, and the little child, were equally at ease in his company, and instructed by his conversation. His heart overflowed with kindness and love, no one ever suspecting him of guile. He was eminently unselfish, always ready to sacrifice himself and his own interests for the good of others. He, like others, had trials in the ministry, but he was always calm, kind, forgiving and forgetting injuries. His faith in Christ was a living, controlling principle, and yet love seemed, if possible, more prominent. God blessed his labors with repeated revivals, a precious and faithful vision of the Holy Spirit being experienced,

even in the last year of his pastorate. Last year the infirmities of age admonished him that it was time to commit the care of his parish to younger hands. He therefore resigned, and had the pleasure of aiding in the installation of a successor. And yet he continued to preach, though with increasing weakness, till the last Sabbath but one of his life. A brief but painful illness of a few but happy days preceding a death full of hope. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of the generation which grew up under his ministry, and that memory is blessed.

Rev. JACOB CUMMINGS, of Scottish descent, was born in Warren, Mass., Dec. 5, 1792; became vitally interested in religion in 1812, and united with the church in Thetford, Vt., Dec. 12, 1813. He was fitted for college at Phillips' Academy, Andover, Mass., and was graduated at Dartmouth in 1819. From October of the same year, till the close of 1820, he was a member of the Theological Seminary, at Andover, when he went to Atkinson, N. H., to teach in the Academy. Having received license to preach from the Haverhill Association in August, 1821, he continued to teach and preach in Atkinson, until August, 1822, when he went to Hampton to teach. While there he became interested in the state of things in Stratham, at that time a spiritual desolation. After supplying them for nearly a year, he was ordained over the small church there, April 28, 1824. Remaining at Stratham till December, 1834, he was dismissed, and in January, 1835, was installed over the church in Sharon, Mass. On account of the anti-mason excitement then raging, he was dismissed in November, 1837. From March, 1838, to March, 1841, he was pastor of the church in Southboro', Mass. Nov. 15, 1843, he was installed over the church at Hillsboro' Bridge, where he labored till the Fall of 1856, when, as he wrote, "in consequence of an attempt to put me under a *starvation process*, I gave up my relation to the parish or society, though at the request of the church I retained my pastoral relation." He was nominally pastor of that church till his death. During the last ten years of his life he resided at Exeter, where he died June 20, 1866. Though of late without a pastoral charge, he was by no means idle. He labored to the end, for the good of the churches, preaching to such as were feeble, encouraging them in their struggles, and stimulating his ministerial brethren to faithfulness in the Master's service. Mr. Cummings was a thorough scholar, a sound theologian, an able preacher. Though not possessed of the graces of oratory, he was earnest, bold, and persuasive, shunning not to declare all the counsel of God. And though "his delivery of written sermons might have been felt sometimes to be too slow and dull, yet he was wont to warm up and become eloquent when he had no notes before him." He was eminently self-denying. He never received a support from any people where he labored, by at least two hundred dollars a year. Yet the Lord cared for him, as He will for all who with like faith and zeal

go forth showing precious seed. He was a good man maintaining cheerful resignation to the will of the great Ruler; firmly confiding in his character and government, meek, charitable and forgiving toward men, and conscientiously devoted to the Master's service.

Of those who have served our churches in the ministry in times past, but had removed from the State was

Rev. JOHN R. ADAMS, D. D., who was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Londonderry, Oct. 5, 1831, where he labored for seven years. Dr. Adams was born at Andover, Mass., where he fitted for college; he was graduated at Yale, in 1821, and at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1826. After leaving Londonderry, he preached three years at Great Falls; was then settled for several years at Brighton, Mass., and afterwards at Gorham, Me. At the breaking out of the war he entered the army as Chaplain of the 5th Maine Regiment, and afterwards served the 121st New York Regiment, in the same capacity. These services continued during the war. He was a brave, energetic, devoted man, loyal to his country and his God. He died at Northampton, Mass., April 25, 1866, aged 64.

Rev. JACOB WHITE was pastor of the church in Lyndeboro,' from Jan. 13, 1830, to June 30, 1840. He was born at East Bridgewater, Mass., Nov. 20, 1806; was graduated at Brown University, in 1832, and at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1835. After leaving Lyndeboro', he preached nearly a year at Plymouth, Mass., and was then for twenty years pastor of the church in Orleans, Mass. For the last few years he suffered from feeble health, preaching only a part of the time. He was residing temporarily at Lyndeboro' when he died suddenly of congestion of the lungs, on the 3d of April last. He was a man of a well educated and scholarly mind; of a smooth, flowing and chaste style as a writer, and a highly esteemed minister of the gospel. He leaves an afflicted widow of very amiable qualities and christian character.

Rev. CHRISTOPHER M. CORDLEY, was pastor of the church in Hopkinton from Sept. 5, 1849, to Feb. 4, 1852. He was born at Oxford, England; came to this country at the age of 12 years; graduated at Western Reserve College in 1844, and at Andover in 1857. After he left Hopkinton, he was pastor at Randolph, Mass., then at West Brookfield, and afterwards at Lawrence, where, as the result of excessive labor, he died June 20, aged 45.

Rev. GEORGE W. STINSON preached at Sullivan two years from 1859 to 1861, and then two years at Dalton. He was born at Mount Vernon, April 3, 1823. Failing, on account of ill health, to complete his college course which he attempted at Amherst and at Oberlin, he afterwards studied theology at Oberlin, when he was

graduated in 1854. He was soon after ordained to the work of the ministry at Greggsville, Ill., and for five years labored among the feeble churches of the West. After his five years labor in this State he spent a year at Windsor, Mass., and in the Summer of 1865, removed with his family to Missouri, and was stationed at Maysville. There he engaged zealously in missionary work, collecting a congregation, and seeking out material from which to form a church, when he was stricken down by sickness, and died in three weeks, on the 17th of December last. The Rev. Mr. Turner, agent of the American Home Missionary Society, who was with him at the time of his death, and who attended his funeral, thus describes the sad occasion: "It was a bitter cold day, and the ground was covered with sleet and ice, and so slippery that hardly man or beast could stand. Two lumber wagons, one carrying the corpse and the other the afflicted wife and children seated on straw, were all the conveyances that could be obtained. A few people followed behind on foot. Thus we went to the village graveyard near by, an open space, without fence, and containing a few unprotected graves. There we laid the dear missionary in his resting place. Wild and unprotected as it was, it seemed to me a hallowed spot. It is the resting place of the first missionary fallen on the emancipated soil of Missouri. Mr. S. fell with his harness on. Not naturally of a very hopeful temperament, with a nature exceedingly sensative, he yet labored with a good degree of faith, and the blessing of God evidently attended his efforts. But his work is done and he is at rest."

Rev. CHARLES H. BOYD died at Manchester, Jan. 5. Though he never served in the ministry in this State, yet, as he was a son of our New-Hampshire churches and died in our midst, it is proper, that we record his name. He was born at Francestown, Nov. 4, 1836. Both of his parents died of consumption in his childhood. Thirsting for knowledge, which he readily acquired, though possessed of a feeble constitution, he fitted for college, and entered Dartmouth, where he maintained a high rank in his class, and graduated in 1858. Having taught a year at Washington, D. C., and served as tutor for a year at Dartmouth, he studied theology at Andover completing his course in 1863. After assisting Rev. Dr. Bond, of Norwich, Ct., for six months he became pastor of the church at Mystic Bridge, where for a year he toiled unweariedly, realizing in their fullness the aspirations of his childhood—the joy of being a minister of Christ. But his strength was unequal to his work. His nervous system gave way, and after a few months of increasing weakness, accompanied with some mental oberation, he sank silently, trustingly into the arms of death. From early childhood he lived a gentle, loving, christian life, always standing up for Jesus. None who knew him can fail of lamenting his early departure, or of associating him in thought with "the beloved John."

Mrs. JANE AIKEN HARRIS, widow of the first minister of Dunbarton, died at Manchester, the 16th of last Janurry, lacking only 27 days of being 90 years old. She was the wife of one the most useful and honored ministers of New-Hampshire, and was eminently useful at home, and "a mother in Israel abroad." She is represented, also, by one who knew her well, as retaining her mental faculties to the last; as always cheerful, hopeful, companionable, interested in passing events, bowing submissively to him who had often sorely afflicted her, and as meeting death with calmness through the grace of him who giveth us the victory.

Of this list of departed we may with confidence say, "These all died in faith," and "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works to follow them."

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association:

BELOVED IN CHRIST:—As you are aware, the law which should govern our lives as christians is one of great strictness. This is seen at the very outset. When a man is led to submit himself to God, he undergoes a thorough and radical renovation, old desires and affections passing away and all things becoming new; and without this, we are told he cannot see God's kingdom. No attempt is made to improve the corrupt, carnal life. New steps in life, new customs, new practices, new ways alone do not suffice, nothing but the *new life* which is grounded "in righteousness and true holiness." The spiritual career thus commenced is to be regulated by rules of like strictness unto the end. Henceforth the believer is not to consider himself as in any respect his own, for he has been "bought with a price," and that the most stupendous of any that could be given. He becomes by this transaction and with his own consent, Christ's own; and to Him as his Lord and Master, he is to render constant and faithful service. He is not to live to himself. He is to have no will of his own. He is to go where Christ shall choose, and deny himself when need shall require it. He is to perform whatever work is assigned him, and to hold the result of his toil and skill subject to the call of his Lord. He is to regard all those around him as belonging to the same Master with himself, and he is to urge upon them by every means in his power the duties and obligations which are incumbent on them. And never is he to forget that a day will come when he must stand before Him whose servant he is, and give an account of the improvement of the talents committed to his charge,—a day when he may be "no longer steward."

The question arises here, naturally enough, how does the type of

religion in our churches accord with these high claims of Christ? Does that high-toned piety which distinguished the fathers prevail to any great degree at the present day? Is christian principle now carried out to its legitimate application? A cursory glance, alas! reveals the fact that the christians of to-day must suffer by comparison with those of the past. As we look over the state there are many things indeed to cheer the pious heart, and to kindle hope for the future. Many of our churches are constantly gaining in numbers and in moral power. Many are waking up to the needs of a world "lying in wickedness," and are making efforts to some degree commensurate with the work, that the knowledge of the Saviour may be sent to dying men. Our membership, too, is large and comprises much of the enterprise and talent of the state. But for all this, it must be acknowledged there is much in the condition of the church to awaken deep solicitude, and to lead to earnest and importunate prayer.

In addressing you this annual letter, beloved, we desire to call your attention to two or three things which deteriorate the piety of the time and subtract from its aggressive power.

The first thing we shall mention is an *imperfect consecration* of heart and life to Christ. St. Paul tells us that Christ "died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." Living unto one's self is the very essence of sin, and one great object of Christ's mission was to turn the whole current of our thoughts and affections from self to Him. The Son of God came forth, not to redeem men's souls alone, but to enlist them as champions in His cause. Personal salvation is a minor consideration. No man is saved for his own happiness or glory, but rather that he may help to carry on the work which Christ began, to bring back the world to its allegiance to Him, and to win new laurels for His brow. for this arduous service He demands every power and faculty we possess. Every talent He has committed to us must be cheerfully devoted to him. Every thought and feeling even, must be brought into subjection for this great work. During the late war for the union the federal army had for some time been laying siege to a well defended city in the south-west, when at length commissioners were sent out by the commandant to ask on what terms the place might be given up. The answer returned to their inquiry was something like this: "No terms are admissible but *unconditional surrender*. Your town, your defences, your munitions of war, all you possess, must be passed over to the federal arms." Thus broad and comprehensive is that consecration which Christ expects from all his disciples. It extends to the minutest matters and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It embraces all our physical as well as mental power, our affections, influence, time, property,—all, in short, that is ours. The believer must bring all the tithes into the Lord's storehouse, remembering that he is but a steward of God's grace,

and that he must occupy till the Master come. He must devote himself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto the Lord, and account it as but his reasonable service.

Brethren, how does your experience tally with these broad demands? Have your lives been the counterparts of Christ's claims? When you entered the Master's service, you assented cheerfully to all His requirements. You pronounced all His commands to be but just and right. In the words of the hymn, you exclaimed:

> "Welcome, welcome, dear Redeemer,
> Welcome to this heart of mine!
> Lord, I make a full surrender,
> Every power and thought be Thine."

But has this spirit of cheerful and entire self-devotement been retained, or has it been in a great measure lost? In the most solemn moment of your lives, when face to face with the Holy Ghost, you consecrated your all to God without the slightest reservation. Have you fulfilled your promises, or have you taken back what you gave to your Lord? Let there be searchings of heart among you in view of these things. Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Another thing that weakens the piety of our day is the absence of that *self-sacrificing spirit* which shone so brightly in the lives of the early Christians. The vows of Christ which you have taken upon yourselves involve not only a full consecration of heart to the Master, but also an entire renunciation of the world for Him. And by this we mean, not the subjecting one's self to cheerless poverty and want, not the giving up one's self to seclusion and retirement, not carelessness as to life and property; but the giving up of such pleasures and connections as are opposed to the faith of Christ, the mortification of bodily appetites and lusts, a renunciation of the honors of the world and the praise of men, the surrender of property and personal ease and even of life itself, if need be, for the glory of Christ.

This is one of the most important principles of our holy religion. It is indeed the great law of the christian scheme. "Unto us it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." Self-denial is the common lot of all disciples. None are exempt. Christ sends forth all His faithful ones to fill up that which is behind of His sufferings, and to finish the work which yet remains. Our Lord was a man of extreme self-sacrifice, and so must all his children be. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master and for the servant that he be as his Lord. Here is the grand test of Christian character. Whoso forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be Christ's disciple. We must be willing to die for Him, if we would live with Him in glory. We must be willing to suffer for His sake if we would reign with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

But is not this what should be, and not the state of things that

really exists? There is a woful lack of self-sacrifice in our churches. Christians are engrossed with their own private affairs, while the interests of their Master's kingdom are allowed to suffer. St. Paul declared the love of money to be the root of all evil; and his assertion is as true now as in the times when he wrote. Men toil after wealth. rise up early and sit up late. They spare no labor or pains which can subserve the one great end. Month after month and year after year they work on, forgetful of all but the object near their hearts. They picture to themselves a time not far distant, when the fields which they have sown and upon which they have bestowed so much toil shall wave with the golden harvest,—a time when labor shall cease, and long-looked-for rest shall begin. Meanwhile the work of God languishes, the treasury of the Lord is empty, and precious souls around us and in many a darkened land go down to death.

It may be urged here that there are numbers among our membership whose straightened circumstances compel them to toil early and late to supply the wants of those who are dependent on them, and small is the sum that such can devote to God's service. This is true, and it is equally true that God requires tribute of a man according to that he hath and not according to that he hath not. But when all needful exceptions are made, the evidence is still overwhelming that the spirit of self-sacrifice is far behind the demands of Christ's law. Luxury, dress, and the passion for show consume the tithes of the Lord.

Again, the piety of our day is weakened by *a defective faith*. What we want is not more faith, but a different kind of faith. Our Savior's disciples, having failed to work a miracle, came to Him with the prayer, "Lord, increase our faith," and He improved the opportunity thus afforded Him to administer to them a tacit rebuke. "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, 'Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.'" May we not learn a lesson from this account. The defect in our faith is in the *quality*, and not the *quantity*. "This," says the Apostle, "is the victory which overcometh the world, even your faith;" but then it must be a true, living, scriptural faith. In point of fact, the Christian is often himself overcome of the world instead of overcoming the world; and this because of the weakness of his faith. If we would follow Christ fully, we must live as He also lived, that is, under the power of the world to come, and not under the influence of earthly things. Now it is observable that faith brings down the things of a future world and makes them as real as the earth we tread, or the air we breathe. They are no longer shadowy and ideal, but as true as God Himself. A true, scriptural faith brings eternal things near at hand and clothes them with a power to influence our lives. It makes the judgment day as true as if we stood before Christ's bar, and heard Him judge the assembled universe. It makes heaven as

real as if we walked the pearly streets and talked with the priests of God. It makes perdition as veritable as though we walked through the dungeons of the lost, and beheld their horror and dismay. It unlooses our hold on the vanities of earth which perish with the using, and fixes it upon those things which are eternal and divine. It lifts us from the shadows which shroud the soul into the pure light of God.

This faith of which we speak is the great motive power of Christian action. It is the fundamental, enlivening principle of all religion, and the spring of all spiritually life. Through it marvelous results have been attained in the past. With this men have subdued kingdoms: wrought righteousness; obtained promises; stopped the mouths of lions; quenched the violence of fire; escaped the edge of the sword; out of weakness been made strong; waxed valient in fight, and turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Others endured torture, were tried, mocked, and scourged; were stoned and sawn asunder, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others still wandered in deserts and mountains, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, and yet sustained by views of eternal things. These all obtained a good report through faith, and secured at length the promises of God.

Let us follow on in the luminous track which they have trod. "Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same things." Let us seek to bring down the unseen object of eternity to our view, that they may control our affections and lives. Let our conversation be in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior. Let our prayer be that of earnest disciples, "Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief."

In behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM H. CUTLER.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

WM. R. JEWETT,

In account with *General Association of New Hampshire.*

		Cr.	
1865.	Sep. 2, Coos Conference for 1865,	$2.00	
1866.	April 14, Grafton Conference for 1866,	24.00	
"	June 19, Rockingham Conference for 1866,	36.00	
"	June 30, Merrimack Conference for 1866,	32.00	
"	Aug. 7, Cheshire Conference for 1866,	12.00	
"	Aug. 8, Strafford Conference for 1866,	26.00	
"	Aug. 10, Hillsboro' Conference for 1866,	44.00	
"	Aug. 15, Coos Conference for 1866,	4.00	
			$180.00
		Dr.	
1865.	Balance against the Treasury,	$33.35	
"	Nov. 11, B. P. Stone's bill,	85.41	
"	Postage and Stationary,	8.00	
"	McFarland & Jenks' bill,	5.25	
"	Postage, envelopes and stationery,	4.25	
"	Express charge,	25	
"	Interest on money borrowed,	5.00	
			$136.51
	Balance in the Treasury,		43.49
			$180.00

This may certify that I have examined the account of Rev. William R. Jewett as Treasurer of the General Association of New Hampshire and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 24, 1866.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bap'tms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead, 1st Ch.,	1777	A. C. Field,	July, 1866	July, 1866	11	33	44	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	$10 54
Alstead, Paper Mill,	1842	Darwin Adams,	July 26, 1828	S. S.	4	21	25	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30 00
New Alstead,	1788	None.			20	40	60	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	70 00
Chesterfield,	1777	J. Hall,	June 5, 1833	S. S.	6	23	29	8	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	40	
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Fosdick,	June 22, 1864	S. S.	7	15	22	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	46	79 30
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	47	108	155	14	12	2	14	6	4	0	10	7	7	285	300 00
Gilsum,	1772	None.			12	22	34	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	130 82
Harrisville,	1840	None.			12	29	41	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	132 00
Hinsdale,*	1763	J. S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Mar. 7, 1860	46	83	129	0	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	0	4	212	370 00
Jaffrey,	1780	J. G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	S. S.	26	79	105	26	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	148	146 65
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C. W. Allen,	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S.	18	48	66	14	2	1	3	1	6	0	7	0	0	96	
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818				407	0	26	22	48	9	8	0	17	6	2	659	1796 93
Marlborough,	1778	G. Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	37	75	112	32	0	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	2	175	150 00
Nelson,	1781	Ezekiel Dow,	Feb. 12, 1845	S. S.	51	75	126	40	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	150	84 00
Rindge,	1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	51	131	182	11	2	2	4	3	4	0	7	1	6	230	500 00
Roxbury,	1816	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856	S. S.	2	9	11	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	42	30 62
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	13	39	52	8	6	5	11	1	1	0	2	3	0	133	76 20
Sullivan,†	Oct. 17, 1792	J. M. Stowe,	Jan. 31, 1855	S. S. 1863	33	51	84	16	0	0	0	2	8	0	10	0	1	90	52 00
Swanzey,	1741	T. E. Roberts,	Mar. 28, 1861	S. S.	16	43	59	9	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	1	3	157	71 25
Surry,†	Dec. 15, 1837	Vacant.			2	13	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
Troy,	1815	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S. S.	17	27	44	11	3	5	8	2	4	0	6	2	3	143	107 59
Walpole,†	1761	G. H. DeBevoise,	July 26, 1865	July 26, 1865	17	76	93	15	9	3	12	3	2	0	5	4	1	95	288 94
Westmoreland,	1764	S. Bixby,	June 30, 1858	S. S.	27	71	98	26	2	0	2	3	0	1	4	0	0	80	73 00
" Evang.,	1852	William Claggett,	1830	S. S.	4	23	27	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	20 00
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 35, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	56	103	159	30	5	3	8	1	3	0	4	4	0	191	414 37
25 Churches.					535	1237	2179	312	77	53	130	52	53	1	106	32	36	3453	$4934 21

*Reorganized 1821. †Reorganized 1831.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Edwin Jennison, Winchester. Ordained Oct. 7, 1831.

J. S. BATCHELDER, *Statistical Secretary.*

2. COOS CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Church Mems. June 1866				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot	Li.	Dis.	Ex	Tot.	Ad	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1799	Vacant.			6	7	13	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	30	$00 00
Colbrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Caleb F. Page,	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S.	16	32	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	10 00
Dalton,	Unknown.	Henry Farrar,	Licentiate.	S. S.	9	18	27	8	0	1	1	1	5	0	6	0	0	50	not kn'n.
Franconia,	Apr. 4, 1814	Vacant.			5	11	16	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	00
Gorham,																			
Lancaster,	1794	Henry V. Emmons,	Nov. 1860	Sept. 27, 1865	40	83	123	24	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	175	100 00
Littleton,	Nov. 3, 1808	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	33	109	142	21	3	1	4	2	9	0	11	3	0	159	319 25
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			7	20	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	00
8 Churches.					116	280	396	73	6	4	10	5	18	0	23	6	0	565	$628 34

The Churches of Coos County are associated in Conference with the Congregational Churches of Essex County, Vt. Bethlehem, Franconia, and Littleton, are in Grafton County. The Church in Gorham is associated with a Maine Conference. The Semi-Annual Meeting of Coos and Essex County Conference is to be holden in January, 1867, at Concord, Vt. The Annual Meeting at Lunenburg, Vt., on the 2d Tuesday in June, 1867.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabth Sch'l.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844		24	85	109	13	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant.			1	6	7	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott,	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	10	47	66	12	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	80	$151 25
Campton,	1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1853	June 29, 1864	27	68	95	18	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	177	40 29
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			4	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15 00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S.	30	35	65	9	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	75	40 99
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			5	12	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Enfield,	Mar. 30, 1824	V. L. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S.	12	27	35	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	35 00
Groton,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1825	S. S. ½ time.	12	14	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	49 00
Hanover, Dart. Col	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	112	151	263	128	9	7	16	3	7	0	10	4	2	170	796 83
Hanover Centre.	May 16, 1810	Beseleel Smith,	May 13 1829	S. S.	25	60	85	28	1	2	3	2	3	0	5	1	0	60	67 00
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858	52	123	175	41	0	0	0	5	5	0	10	0	3	140	414 03
Hebron,		Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. ¼ time.	10	28	38	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	110	52 80
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	12	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	42	104	146	10	1	6		5	4	0	9	1	0	125	500 00
Lebanon, West,	1849	John H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	45	87	132	13	23	9	32	2	6	0	8	20	2	250	573 74
Lyme,	May 13, 1771	Erlix Tenney,	Jan 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	93	185	278	70	0	0	0	10	9	0	19	0	2	145	850 00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Horace Pratt,	Mar. 1839	S. S.	17	38	55	14	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	65	60 00
Orford, West	Apr. 30, 1822	E. A. Lawrence,		1839	S. S.	26	52	78	12	1		8	1	4	0	5	0	1	105	291 97
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden.	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	39	73	112	31	0	1		1	1	0	2	0	1	92	125 00
Plymouth.	June, 1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	30	93	123	33	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	0	1	140	453 89
Thornton,	Apr. 11, 1780	Vacant.			3	6	9	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	J. C. Seagrave,	Dec. 3, 1851	S. S.	14	53	67	14	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	115 00
23 Churches.					649	1371	2020	468	42	32	74	52	52	0	104	26	15	2142	$5008 68

Ministers Without Charge.—N. Lord, D. D., May 22, 1814; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., May 3, 1837; Samuel G. Brown, D. D., Oct. 6, 1852; Charles A. Aiken, Ph. D., Oct. 19, 1854; Henry Fairbanks, Feb. 17, 1858; David Kimball, June 22, 1822; Heman Rood, July, 1827; William Spaulding, July, 1848; James B. Hadley, Sept. 20, 1838, Campton; C. W. Richardson, Nov. 4, 1885, Canaan; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury; John Clark, Jan. 23, 1835, Plymouth; Silas M. Blanchard, Oct. 22, 1858, Wentworth.

4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1866.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'l	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.,	May 22, 1811	May 22, 1864	67	160	227	31	5	5	10	2	4	0	6	4	1	227	$1110 95
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	John A. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1653	Mar. 16, 1863	54	114	168	26	3	1	4	7	1	0	8	2	13	150	215 98
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Arthur Little,	Jan. 3, 1866	Jan. 3, 1866	74	130	204	22	12	3	15	*29	5	0	34	6	12	300	320 13
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	C. B. Tracy,		S. S.	12	34	46	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	65	67 00
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	Vacant.			26	42	68	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	6	130	55 43
Deering,	Dec. 24, 178'	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S.	8	29	37	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	70	16 25
Francestown,	177'	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	94	185	279	53	2	4	6	16	2	0	18	1	5	390	890 63
Goffstown,	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S.	51	117	168	50	1	1	2	3	3	1	7	1	1	215	153 30
Greenfield,	Nov. 20, 1839	Rufus Case,		S. S.	45	70	115	12	0	0	0	0	*7	0	7	no	urt	her	report.
Greenfield Evang'l,		No report.																	
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	A. Bigelow,	Mar 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	55	99	154	27	1	3	4	4	1	0	5	0	0	215	223 03
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 23, 1839	S. S. Morrill,		S. S.	15	48	63	4	1	2	3	3	2	*9	14	0	1	139	57 00
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June 1841	S. S.	16	35	51	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	50	38 00
Hollis,	June, 1763	Pliny B. Day, D. D.,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	81	141	222	20	4	4	8	4	1	0	5	2	3	330	1025 07
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	Benjamin Howe,		S. S.	15	40	55	2	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	3	1	53	23 15
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1854	Vacant.			3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10 04
Lyndeboro',	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	49	60	109	25	1	1	2	4	3	0	7	0	1	172	66 83
Manchester, 1st,	May 21, 1828	C.W.Wallace, D.D.,	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	133	329	462	93	4	14	18	10	8	0	18	5	1	571	1716 81
" Franklin st.,	June 27, 1844	Vacant.			72	236	308	97	3	8	11	6	9	1	16	0	0	398	1766 68
" Christ. Mis.,	Dec. 30, 1852	T. P. Swain,	Apr. 19, 1843	S. S.	8	26	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0 00
" Presbyter'n,	Nov. 9, 1859	Vacant.			6	21	27	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	159 00
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb 29, 1839	Mar. 18, 1860	39	58	97	22	1	1	2	1	4	0	5	0	1	123	139 83
Mason, 2d.	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	30	64	94	18	7	2	9	2	1	0	3	2	2	130	162 21
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5, 1771	Vacant.			61	99	160	38	1	0	1	2	6	0	8	0	1	130	123 26
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	W. H. Pearson,	Licentiate.	S. S.	10	26	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	28 00
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	76	190	266	21	5	7	12	9	*23	4	36	4	0	342	1511 54
Mount Vernon,	1780	S. Merrill Frink,	1862	1865	47	113	160	29	36	4	40	2	4	0	6	15	1	225	335 00
Nashua, 1st,	1685	E. C. Hooker,		Sept. 14, 1865	86	364	450	80	20	8	28	1	12	0	13	5	0	441	1861 05
Nashua, Olive st.,	Dec. 31, 1834	A. Richards, D. D.,	Nov. 6, 1827	Apr. 6, 1836	70	178	248	50	5	7	12	11	12	0	23	2	0	200	no report
Nashua, Pearl st.,	Sept. 3, 1846	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	63	161	224	35	26	9	35	3	12	0	15	15	0	226	1536 54
New Boston, Pres.,	1763	Vacant.			40	112	†152	23	1	7	8	2	2	0	4	1	0	190	94 00
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler,	Mar. 12, 1862	Mar. 12, 1862	73	165	238	25	6	2	8	2	4	0	6	2	3	170	730 19
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	25	62	87	15	6	0	6	7	1	0	8	3	0	168	478 58
Peterboro' Un. Ev.	Apr. 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	41	89	130	5	3	6	9	1	2	0	3	3	1	180	410 00
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	George Williams	Oct. 25, 1865	Oct. 25, 1865	48	76	124	0	17	5	22	2	0	0	2	7	2	170	162 20
East Wilton,	Mar. 16, 1823	Daniel E. Adams	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec 5, 1860	33	75	108	12	6	0	6	0	0	*26	26	5	0	170	237 75
31 Cong'l, 5 Pres.		20 Pastors.	9 S. S.		1626	3757	5383	930	182	108	290	140	132	41	313	89	61	6487	15736 56

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June, 1686.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Orgnis'd.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dl	Dis.	Ex	To	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			2	11	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	none.
Boscawen,	Sept. 8, 1740	M. L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	36	83	119	30	1	0	1	6	3	0	9	1	1	100	$356 03
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Joseph Marsh,		1828	S.S.Apr. 1 '65	15	17	32	4	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	70	17 00
Canterbury,		1760	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S.	30	61	91	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	100	120 00
Chichester,		1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S.S.Aug.1864	33	45	78	26	2	2	4	5	2	0	7	1	1		58 00
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	A. A. Baker,		1854	S. S.	27	59	86	13	4	2	6	4	3	0	7	3	1	95	200 00
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 25, 1825	Mar. 25, 1825	65	171	236	30	1	0	1	7	0	0	7	0	1	175	900 00
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			171	254	371	41	0	3	3	1	8	0	9	0	8	360	862 85
Concord, West,	Apr. 22, 1833	Asa P Tenney,	June, 1828	Apr. 23, 1833	59	138	197	30	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	1	1	150	214 15
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	Vacant.			38	64	102	18	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	1	2	175	362 33
Epsom.		1761	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1851	S S. Nov.1856	30	45	75	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	112	56 00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 8, 1837	Sept 16, 1863	37	68	105	8	3	9	12	2	2	0	4	2	0	252	400 00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	92	136	42	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	200	537 49
Henniker,	June 7, 1767	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 3, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	43	118	161	49	0	1	1	5	1	0	6	0	2	174	649 42
Hooksett,		1828	A. Burnham,	1857	S. S.	12	28	40	21	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	23 93
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	Wm. H. Cutler,	Dec. 20, 1865	Dec. 20, 1865	60	147	207	38	1	4	5	3	5	0	8	0	0	131	230 00
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1803	J. A. Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.May 1 '62	14	43	57	7	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	97	18.00
Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge,	July 18, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	49	124	173	50	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	150	243 68
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1806	N. F. Carter,		S. S	36	86	122	32	2	1	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	90	281 51
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	N. Z Ferrie,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	47	95	142	44	6	3	9	1	8	0	9	4	0	180	51 44
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1773	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 14, 1850	Mar. 4, 1864	23	59	82	8	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	0	68	100 00
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	27	74	101	10	12	5	17	6	0	0	6	11	0	200	180 00
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	87	140	20	3	1	4	4	3	0	7	0	7	185	296 68
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden,	June 12, 1856	S. S.	21	29	50	11	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	63 06
24 Churches.					918	1998	2916	571	44	40	84	67	49	2	118	29	26	3179	$6221 62
																			300 00
																			$5221 62

WITHOUT CHANGE. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833. Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained, Oct. 21, 1840. Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820. Henry E. Parker, Concord, ordained, Mar. 13, 1849. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained, May 26, 1881. Samuel Utley, Concord.

LICENTIATE. N. F. Carter, Pembroke.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June 1, 1686			Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di	Dis.	Ex	To	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S. S.	28	70	98	25	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	1	80	$125 52
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes.	June 23, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	22	46	68	10	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	112	112 00
Brentwood,	June 7, 1756	None.			17	54	71	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	101	111 00
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846		74	121	195	26	0	0	0	5	6	0	11	0	6	234	213 27
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	68	126	194	44	6	4	10	6	7	1	14	1	2	174	424 32
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 20, 1866	27	51	78	8	0	0	0	8	1	7	36	0	0	101	30 00
Derry, 1st.,	1719	L. S. Parker,	1837	1861	50	150	200	46	7	5	12	10	28	0	38	4	2	274	271 04
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	29	100	129	23	5	2	7	4	1	0	5	1	1	74	278 85
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S.June1857	15	35	50	6	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	116	151 11
Exeter, 1st.,	1638, Reg. 1698	None.			42	123	165	51	0	0	0	6	5	0	11	0	0	81	unknown
Exeter, 2d.,	1813	J. W. Chickering, Jr.,	Sept 19, 1860	Sept. 6, 1866	31	93	124	36	2	9	11	2	0	0	2	1	0	226	726 00
Greenland,	1706	Edward Roble,	Feb 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	17	47	64	3	4	0	4	4	1	0	5	1	0	53	165 54
Hampstead,	June, 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	22	76	98	9	24	3	27	3	1	0	4	22	0	150	223 57
Hampton,	1638	John W. Dodge,	Dec. 6, 1860	Oct. 19, 1865	62	122	184	24	21	2	23	4	1	0	5	8	2	160	220 29
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	Apr. 4, 1838	June 30 1864	7	36	43	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	143	54 00
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	7	36	43	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	65 27
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	69	140	209	22	1	5	6	6	5	0	11	0	13	222	235 56
New Castle,	1671	Lucius Alden,		1825 S. S.	9	29	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	not rep.
New Market,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S.S.June1,'65	16	40	56	19	5	1	6	3	2	0	5	4	0	115	477 82
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	J. Otis Barrows,	June 9, 1864	June 9, 1864	49	90	139	24	4	0	4	2	9	1	12	1	2	200	472 29
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	G. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	39	76	115	13	0	1	1	4	5	0	9	0	0	180	62 95
Nottingham,	1840	None.			2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	† 0	9 40
Plaistow and North Haverhill,	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows, Geo. M. Adams,	June	1836 S. S. 1859	21	60	81	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	80	120 62
Portsmouth,	1971		Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	89	280	349	74	3	6	9	11	1	0	12	1	9	201	2013 00
Raymond,	1791	None.			52	79	131	18	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	112	39 00
Rye,	July 10, 1826	None.			21	60	81	14	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	70	none rep
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,		1850 S. S. 1863	18	66	84	10	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	0	100	17 53
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	1836	None.			13	15	28	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	none	pd. at h.
South New Market,	1730	Elias Chapman,		1845 S. S. 1862	11	23	34	8	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	57	89 00
Stratham,	1746	Lewis Goodrich,	Jan. 1,	1850 S.S.Feb24,'65	15	37	52	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	178 67
Windham, Pres.,	1742	None.			58	118	176	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	200	300 00
29 Cong., 2 Pres.					1000	2382	3382	568	88	46	134	96	89	29	214	47	44	4015	$7280 63

*(At Deerfield,) 27 names of persons, many years absent of whom we suppose some dead, and others dismissed without record, are this year dropped from our list.
†When Rev. Jacob Hood left early in the season; the Sabbath School numbered 60.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1866.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'l.	Char. Coll.	
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.			
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			4	18	25	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	$	00
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	J. L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	S. S	9	34	43	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	136	40	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1805	Wm. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S.	62	105	167	70	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	160	60	
Center Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1855	S. S.	21	35	56	15	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	5	8	110	50	
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 15, 1851	S.S.since 1856	23	67	90	18	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	2	2	110	186	
Dover, 1st Church,	Jan. 7, 1639	Avery S. Walker,	June 24, 1857	Nov. 16, 1864	69	240	309	48	23	11	34	5	5	0	10	17	6	236	*1055	47
§Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	Ezra Haskell,		S. S.	13	56	69	18	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	8	0	90	75	
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov 20, 1833	14	52	66	9	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	2	2	50	351	58
§Effingham,	1798	Vacant.			7	21	28	8	0	7	7	2	0	0	2	0	0			
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1810	R. M. Sargent,	Apr. 27, 1852	Mar. 27, 1860	7	33	40	5	4	1	5	3	1	0	4	4	1	113	103	32
Gilmanton, Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	44	77	121	28	3	0	3	0	4	2	6	2	1	80	97	94
" Iron Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	J. Blake,	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S.	28	54	82	21	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	2	50	20	
" East,	July 1774	Vacant.			7	12	19	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	15	0	0
Great Falls, 1st Con.	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden,	1841	Jan. 5, 1865	59	148	206	27	1	3	4	1	13	1	15	1	2	240	392	72
Laconia,	July 6, 1834	John K. Young,	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	47	129	176	36	1	14	15	6	1	0	7	0	3	125	300	80
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Charles Barnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1867	19	44	63	9	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	170	
§Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1877	Vacant.			8	18	26	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0		24	62
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Dolt,	Sept. 26, 1845	S.S.since 1858	19	58	77	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	125	13	
Rochester,	1737	Prescott Fay,	1856	1865	20	96	116	14	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	0	2	150	350	
Ossipee, Center,	Sept. 27, 1806	T. V. Haynes,	Feb. 1, 1861	S. S.	31	55	86	12	6	5	11	0	4	0	4	5	0	80	111	73
§Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	5	8	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	30		
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddel,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	42	94	136	36	0	1	1	9	1	0	10	0	0	150	215	69
Sandwich, South,	Dec. 8, 1824	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1852	S. S.	11	28	39	2	6	1	7	1	0	0	1	2	0	85	91	78
Sandwich, North,	June 27, 1832	Otis Holmes,		S. S.	15	19	34	6	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	6	1	80	65	52
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1785	D. D. Tappan,	Nov. 14, 1826	S.S.since n'65	10	29	39	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	†50	47	67
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	S. S.	24	47	71	17	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	80	119	52
Wolfborough, North,	June 18, 1839	‡Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S. S.	5	13	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	11	
Sanbornton,	Jan. 2, 1772	M. T. Runnels,	Aug. 13, 1856	Not yet inst.	43	92	135	15	5	1	6	1	3	0	4	3	1	100	165	70
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	T. S. Robie,	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S.	22	76	98	32	0	1	1	2	5	0	7	1	4	100	52	
20 Churches.					686	1755	2441	505	82	52	134	61	53	4	118	59	35	2665	$1171	35

*Including a legacy of $285.00. †P. O. address, Ossipee. ‡Has an out Sabbath School of 27 members. §Last years report.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Almon Benson, Center Harbor, ordained December, 1480.

CHARLES BURNHAM, *Statistical Secretary*

43

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June 1, 1866.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'l.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, 1860	June 13, 1866	47	98	145	23	0	3	3	7	1	0	8	0	0	125	$271 66
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, 1848	Not.	5	24	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	62	203	265	80	5	8	13	6	6	1	13	1	1	246	855 26
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,		1840 Not.	20	35	55	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	none.
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			8	14	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17 50
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	*W. H. Barrows,	Not.	Not.	10	20	30	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	45	none.
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	M. Gerould,	May, 1828	Not.	8	18	26	9	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	53 00
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	*W. H. Barrows,	Not.	Not.	33	35	68	19	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	60	65 00
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			10	13	23	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		none.
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	F. P. Woodbury,		1865 Apr. 18, 1866	69	56	125	58	4	2	6	0	5	0	5	1	2	180	none.
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	71	136	207	51	1	2	3	4	4	0	8	0	2	175	405 52
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			2	14	16	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		41 00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	E. B. Bassett,	May 25, 1857	Not.	2	23	25	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	none.
13 Churches.					347	989	1036	273	10	19	29	28	24	1	53	2	5	1026	$1808 94

*H. W. Barrows preaches ⅓ of the time at Goshen, and ⅔ of the time at Lempster.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; L. H. Cobb, Meriden, ordained Oct. 28, 1857; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865.

LICENTIATES.—Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850; Abel Wood, Meriden, licensed July, 1848; Artemas C. Field, So. Acworth, licensed Nov. 1, 1864.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Church Mems. June 1, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	4	25	9	11	1	21	0	535	1237	1772	304	77	53	130	52	51	1	104	32	36	3453	$4932 31
2. Coos,	4	8	2	1		3	1	116	280	396	73	6	4	10	5	18	0	23	6	0	565	428 34
3. Grafton,	5	23	9	7	14	21	0	649	1372	2021	468	42	32	74	52	52	0	104	26	13	2142	5008 68
4. Hillsborough,	4	36	20	9	9	38	1	1626	3757	5383	930	182	108	290	140	132	41	313	89	61	6487	15736 56
5. Merrimack,	3	24	12	8	5	25	1	918	1998	2916	571	44	40	84	67	49	2	118	29	26	3179	6220 82
6. Rockingham,	7	31	14	8	4	26	0	1000	2382	3382	568	88	46	134	96	89	29	214	97	44	4015	7280 63
7. Strafford,	5	29	8	14	1	23	0	686	1755	2441	505	82	52	134	61	53	4	118	59	35	2665	4171 35
8. Sullivan,	3	13	4	6	3	13	3	347	689	1036	273	10	19	29	28	24	1	53	2	5	1026	1808 44
Greenfield Evan., Hillsboro' Co*								30	54	84	33	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	*95	†157 67
Gorham, Coos Co.*								3	22	25	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	75	00
Total.	35	189	78	64	37	179	6	5910	13546	19456	3730	531	354	885	503	470	79	1052	340	222	23,702	45744 80

*Returns recieved after the tables were printed. †Report of united churches.

WITHOUT CHARGE IN HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.—(Omitted under table for want of room.—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained, Aug. 8, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained, June 1822; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordoined Oct. 26, 1842.

LICENTIATE.—H. W. Pearson.

*Record revised—many of the removals occurred prior to the year reported. †Records revised—33 names received.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations.	Number of Members.	Scribes.	Times of Meeting.
Belknap,	10	Rev. C. Burnham, Meredith Village,	2d Tuesday before the Sabbath in January, 2d Tuesday of May and October.
Derry and Manchester,	22	Rev. L. Armsby, Candia,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Harmony,	6	Rev. T. V. Haines, Ossipee, Center,	3d Tuesday of January, 2d Tuesday of May, 2d Tuesday of July and October.
Hollis,	19	Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua,	1st Tuesday of February, May, August and November.
Hopkinton,	23	Rev. M. L. Severance, Boscawen,	3d Tuesday of January, May, August and October.
Orange,	12	Rev. F. V. Benton, Newbury, Vt.,	Quarterly, omitting the one in August.
Monadnock,	24	Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Winchester,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October.
Piscataqua,	20	Rev. Geo. M. Adams, Portsmouth,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Sullivan,	10	Rev. C. S. Downs, Lebanon,	3d Tuesday of May, August and November.
Suncook,	8	Rev. Wm. C. Carr, Barnstead,	1st Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.
Union,	9	Rev. Charles Cutler, Francestown,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.
White River,	7	Rev. J. H. Edwards, Acting Scribe, West Lebanon,	2d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

WITHOUT CHARGE IN ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.—(Omitted under table for want of room.)—Rev. George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Rev. Charles Dame, Exeter; Rev. I. T. Otis, Rye, ordained July 10, 1826; Rev. Loren Thayer, Pres., Windham, ordained Nov. 5, 1845. Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained, Oct. 6, 1847, preaches at Newington where is no church. At Kensington a neat house of worship has been built and dedicated.

J. H. STEARNS, *Statistical Secritary.*

REMARKS.

CHURCHES.—The whole number of churches reported this year is 189, including the church in Gorham which was not reported last year, being connected with the General Conference of Maine. The church in Chatham being partly in Stowe, Me., is reckoned as one of the churches of that State.

MINISTERS.—The whole number of ministers reported is 178, of whom 78 are pastors, 64 stated supplies, and 37 without charge. Six licentiates are reported.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—The whole number of church members, are 5910 males, 13,546 females; total, 19,456; which is 562 less than the number reported last year. The additions were 531 by profession, and 354 by letter, total 885. Removals were 503 by death, 470 by dismission, and 79 by excommunication; total, 1052, which is 167 more than the removals. The baptisms were 340 adults, and 222 infants, 124 less than were reported last year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The whole number reported in Sabbath Schools is 23,702, a gain on the number reported last year of 1420.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.—The whole amount of charitable collections reported, is $45,744.80, which is $998 more than the amount reported last year.

Ministers without charge in Hillsborough County, and other matters, will be found under the Summary, there being no room for them on the same page with the table. The same for Rockingham will be found under the table of Associations.

Of the ministers without charge, some are connected with literary or benevolent institutions, some are in secular pursuits, some are invalids, and only a portion are candidates for the ministerial work.

The real strength of our church is diminished by the large number of absentees. There are 3,730 connected with our churches in this State. Cannot this evil be remedied?

WM. R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

MINISTER'S AND WIDOW'S CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, was held at the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton in Concord, June 6, 1866.

Proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

Chose Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.

Shadrach Seavey, Treasurer.

Hon. F. N. Fisk, Auditor.

Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Shadrack Seavey, Esq. Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, June 6.

Voted to appropriate to the following persons, the sum of twenty dollars each, to wit.

Mrs. Mary P. Boutwell, Sanborton.
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bridge, Colebrook.
Mrs. Sarah P. Caswell, Salisbury.
Mrs. S. C. French, Concord.
Mrs. S. A. C. Fifield, East Concord.
Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson, Lempster.
Mrs. Abbey G. Jaquith, North Ashburnham, Mass.
Mrs. Abbey Lawton, Hillsboro'.
Mrs. Clarisa G. Merrill, N. Wolfboro'.
Mrs. S. B. Whittemore, Northfield Vt.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the General Association of N. H. at the meeting in Newport, Aug. 1865, the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund made application to the Legislature for such a change in their charter as shall enable them to hold funds, that they might make appropriations for the relief of indigent and disabled clergymen. Such a charter has been secured.

The corporate name of the Society under the new charter is, The Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund,

At the last meeting of the Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund it was voted,

That we suggest to the General Association of New Hampshire, the propriety and importance of recommending, that on the first Sabbath of Jan. in each year, a collection be taken in all our Churches for the benefit of necesitous clergymen and the widows of such; the avails to be transmitted to the Treasurer of said fund.

It was also incorporated into the amended Constitution, that the General Association of New Hampshire is hereafter empowered to choose two of the Trustees of said fund, to wit, one clergyman and one layman. Agreeably to this, The General Association are requested to make choice of said Trustees at its present meeting. Also

to decide, whether the Trustees chosen by them, shall be chosen annually or for an indefinite period.*

WM. R. JEWETT, Sec.

ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

An act in amendment of an act passed June 23, 1865, entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Convened.

SECTION 1, That the title of said act be so amended as to read as follows: "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund."

SEC. 2. That the Trustees of said Institution be, and are hereby empowered to hold funds for the support of aged or necessitous clergymen, and the necessitous widows of clergymen, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, any provision in the foregoing act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AUSTIN F. PIKE.
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL BARNARD,
President of the Senate.

Approved July 3, 1866.

FREDERICK SMYTH, Governor.

CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED.

ART. 1. There shall be a board of fourteen Trustees, who shall be called The Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, not less than *seven* of whom shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel, and Five shall constitute a quorum. Two of the Trustees, viz. one minister and one layman, shall be chosen by the General Association.

ART. 2. The trustees shall meet annually, and elect, by ballot, from their own body, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, and two persons to audit the Treasurer's accounts. The President shall preside in all meetings of the Board, and shall call special meetings whenever he judges it expedient, or is requested to

* See doings of Wednesday for the action of the Association on the above suggestions.—*Pub.*

do it by any two members. In case of a vacancy in the Presidency, the Chairman of the Prudential Committee shall officiate as President, till there shall be a new choice. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Board. The Treasurer shall have the care of the funds, give receipts for the monies he receives, and shall make no disbursements without an order from the President, and shall give bonds, in such sum as the trustees may direct, for the faithful discharge of his trust. The Prudential Committee shall consist of three members, who shall choose their own Chairman and Clerk. This committee shall manage the concerns of the Board under their direction, and at every meeting of the Board shall make report of their doings.

ART. 3. The Trustees shall annually make a report to the General Association.

ART. 4. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the remaining members by ballot except of those elected by the General Association, which shall be filled at the next meeting of said Association, after such vacancies may occur.

Art. 5. The Board shall adopt such methods for collecting money and establishing a fund, as they shall judge best calculated to secure the object. They may also make all necessary by-laws, which shall not be repugnant to this Constitution.

ART. 6. The objects of the Fund shall be divided into two classes; first, ordained ministers of the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations, who are residents of New Hampshire, and who have administered statedly at least one year to the churches of said denominations in the State, and shall be connected with some one of the District Associations, and who, from any cause, shall be needy of charitable aid.

Second. The widows and children of such deceased ministers as before described.

ART. 7. All funds hereafter received from donations or legacies for the benefit of the first class; and all funds that have already accrued, or may hereafter accrue for the benefit of the second class, shall be faithfully applied for the benefit of their respective classes, but in case of donations or legacies to the Board without specification, the Trustees shall appropriate them according to their discretion.

ART. 8. All ministers aforesaid desiring aid from this Fund, shall make application to the Trustees in person, which application shall be certified by one or more persons acquainted with their circumstances; and all widows or childrin of deceased ministers aforesaid shall make application themselves, to the Trustees or by some clergyman or friend acquainted with their circumstances. During the intervals of the meetings of the Board, the Prudential Committee shall act upon all applications received and report their doings to the Board.

ART. 9. Any Trustee removing from the State without resign-

ing shall be no longer a member; and any Trustee failing to attend at least two years the meetings of the Board without giving a satisfactory excuse, shall be no longer a member; and the vacancies in either case shall be filled according to the provisions of the 4th article.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Board by a vote of the Trustees with the concurrence of the General Association.

Adopted July 18, 1866.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New Hampshire, with their Post Office address, and the number of the Conference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, C. F., Bristol. 3.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams, Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 1.
Adams, George N., Portsmouth. 6.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Centre. 4.
Aiken, Charles A., Hanover. 3.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Amsden, S. H., Wilmot. 5.
Armes, Josiah L., Barrington. 7.
Ayer, Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Armsby, L., Candia. 6.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., North Hampton. 6.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 1.
Bates, John H., Antrim. 4.
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 4.
Benson, Almon, Centre Harbor. 7.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4.
Bissell, Oscar, Roxbury. 1.
Bixby, S., Westmoreland. 1.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Centre. 7.
Blakeley, Quincy, Campton. 3.
Blanchard, Silas M., Wentworth. 3.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concerd. 5.
Bowman, Geo. A., Pres., Manchester. 4.
Bradford, Samuel C., Francestown. 4.
Brown, Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Burnham, Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Baker, A. A., East Concord. 5.
Bates, P., Cornish. 8.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Barrows, W. H., Lempster. 1.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 7.
Bevoise, G. H. De, Walpole. 1.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5.
Carr, William O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
Case, Rufus, Greenfield. 4.
Chapman, Elias, South Newmarket. 6.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 4.
Claggett, William, Westmoreland. 1.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8.
Clark, John, Bridgewater. 3.
Clark, Sumner, Wolfboro'. 7.
Cogswell, E. C., Pres., Northwood. 6.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 3.
Condit, Uzal W, Salisbury. 5.
Corser, Enoch, Boscawen. 5.
Curtice, Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler, Calvin, New Ipswich. 4.
Cutler, Charles, Francestown. 4.
Clark, Wm., Amherst. 4.
Chickering, J. W. jr., Exeter. 6.
Cobb, L. H., Meriden. 8.
Cutler, Wm. H., Hopkinton. 5.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., D. D., Hollis. 4.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 8.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1.
Dustan, George, Peterboro'. 4.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6.
Dodge, J. W., Hampton. 6.
Dow, Ezekiel, Nelson. 1.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 3.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Fay, Prescott, Rochester. 7.
Fiske, Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Farrar, H., Dalton. 2.
Field, A. C., New Alstead. 1.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Frink, B. M., Mt. Vernon. 4.
Ferrie, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard. 1.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 1.
Goodrich, Lewis, Stratham. 6.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.

Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Centre. 7.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfborough. 7.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 3.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holmes, Otis, Sandwich. 7.
Hartshorne, V. J., Enfield. 5.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
How, Benj., Hudson. 4.
Huntington, H. S., Warner. 5.
Hood, J. Augustine, Loudon Centre. 5.
House, Wm., Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 1.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Manchester. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 7.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 2.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1.
Lawrence, E. A., D. D., Orford. 3.
Little, Levi, Bedford. 4.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marshall, Lyman, Harrisville. 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
Marsh, Joseph, Bradford. 4.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 6.
Merriam, George F., Mason. 4.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 3.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Morrill, S. S., Fisherville. 5.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3.
Merrill, J. L., Acworth. 8.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Otis, Israel T., Rye. 6.
Page, Jessee, Atkinson. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 2.
Park, H. G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Pratt, Horace, Orfordville. 3.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 4.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Runnells, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 7.
Savage, Wm. T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Seagrave, James, Wentworth. 4.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Centre. 3.
Smith, George, Epsom. 5.
Severance, M. L., Boscawen. 5.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1.
Spaulding, G., Temple. 4.
Tenney, Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney, Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 3.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6.
Tobey, Alvan, Durham. 7.
Tappan, D. D., Wakefield. 7.
Tracy, C. B., Bennington. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, C. W., D. D., Manchester. 4.
Willey, Charles, Centre Harbor. 7.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wilson, John G., Jaffrey. 1.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 7.
Williams, G., Temple. 4.
Young, John K., D. D., Laconia. 7.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE;

WITH THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

HELD AT NASHUA, AUGUST, 1867.

CONCORD:
PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.
1867.

:

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

AND THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

HELD AT NASHUA, AUGUST, 1867.

CONCORD:
PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.
1867.

'877, May 1. By exchange of duplicates.

APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1868.

Annual meeting at Hanover, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Preacher of opening sermon from the Union Association.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Joseph Blake, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Committee of Inquiry, to propose questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec. 4., Rev. J. M. Stowe, Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, Dea. C. P. Locke.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. G. M. Adams; substitute, Rev. L. Z. Ferris.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; Dea. Asa Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

Coos, 7 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk. Assessment, $5.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June, Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

Hillsborough, 36 churches; 31 Cong.; 5 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk; George Swain, Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $55.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $40.

Rockingham, 31 churches; 30 Cong.; 1 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $45.

Strafford, 29 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $32 50.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $17 50.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions; namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Association, and members of such committees as reported to it, with a representative of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, shall be members *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion; have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of a publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot;

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no

business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other societies and institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2 1-2 o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith; sending up their nominations, for confirmation, by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the committee on nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both, will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New York in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, he may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person, or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire held its fifty-eighth annual meeting in the house of the Olive Street Church, in Nashua, commencing on Tuesday, August 27th, 1867, and was opened by a sermon by Rev. Jeremiah Blake of Gilmanton Iron Works, from Isaiah 54 : 2.

After sermon the preacher took the chair.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as members.

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. Joseph Blake, Gilmanton; Rev. Quincy Blakeley, Campton.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. A. Berry, Pelham.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Milford; Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Mason; Rev. B. Merrill Frink, Mont Vernon.

Hopkinton—Rev. Wm. T. Savage, Franklin; Rev. M. L. Severance, Boscawen; Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord.

Lancaster—Rev. Hugh McLeod, Colebrook.

Monadnock—Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan; Rev. S. L. Gerauld, Stoddard; Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, Walpole.

Orange—Rev. J. D. Emerson, Haverhill; Rev. Asa Mann, Bath.

Sullivan—Rev. P. Bates, Cornish.

Suncook—Rev. Jeremiah Blake, Gilmanton Iron Works.

Union—Rev. C. B. Tracy, Bennington; Rev. G. Dustin, Peterborough.

White River—Rev. H. E. Parker, Professor in Dartmouth College.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. C. P. Locke, Marlborough; Bro. C. H. Whitney, Nelson.

Coos—Dea. S. W. Atherton, Colebrook.

Grafton—

Hillsborough—Dea. L. B. Bradford, Francestown; Bro. W. H. Conant, Mont Vernon; Bro. A. F. Andrews.

Merrimack—Dea. Levi Flanders, Warner.

Strafford—Bro. Nathaniel Low, Dover.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. J. G. Davis, Secretary, Amherst.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary, Fisherville.

Rev. E. C. Hooker, Pastor of First Church, Nashua.

Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis, and Rev. J. H. Edwards, Lebanon, committee reporting to this body.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. A. C. Washburn.

General Association of Indiana—Rev. E. F. Howe.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Lewis A. Austin.

General Association of New York—Rev. Charles J. Hill.

Presbyterian General Assembly N. S.—Rev. B. C. Magie.

The Association was organized by choice of Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., of Hollis, Moderator; Rev. J. M. Stowe of Sullivan, Scribe; Rev. M. L. Severance of Boscawen, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. E. C. Hooker, Rev. E. B. Claggett, and Dea. S. W. Atherton, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Rev. Jeremiah Blake, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. Joseph Blake, Rev. H. A. Hazen, Committee on Narratives.

Rev. J. M. Stowe, Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, and Dea. C. P. Locke, Committee of Inquiry.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Voted to instruct the Committee of Arrangements to invite the Hon. Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of United States, to address the Association at some time during the present meeting.

All Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, and all members

of such churches present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Public services were commenced by singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. R. Jewett.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by the Rev. J. H. Edwards.

After singing, a statement was made by the Secretary of the "Ministers and Widows Charitable Fund," and a collection taken, amounting to $69 36.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. E. B. Claggett, followed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wallace, and addresses by the Rev. Dr. Richards and Rev. A. C. Washburn.

By permission, Rev. Lewis Grout presented the claims of the American Missionary Association.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read, viz: The General Association of California; The General Association of Iowa; The General Associatian of Oregon; The General Conference of Maine; The General Conference of Rhode Island; and were followed with remarks by the Rev. Mr. Beldon, of R. I.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Public religious services were held at the house of the First Church, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

A sermon was preached by Prof. Henry E. Parker, upon the unity of the Christian church, from John 17 : 20 to 24.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 28.

A prayer meeting was held at the Olive St. Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Wallace.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Emerson.

Rev. A. C. Washburn, presented the salutations of the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. C. J. Hill, of the General Association of New York; Rev. L. A. Austin, of the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. E. F. Howe, of the General Association of Indiana; Rev. B. C. Magie, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.

The following delegates to foreign bodies reported, viz: Rev. Dr. Davis, delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rev. L. Conant, to the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. P. Fay, to

the General Conference of Massachusetts; Rev. E. J. Parsons, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.; Rev. L. S. Parker, to the New Hampshire Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A report was read by the moderator, in behalf of a committee appointed last year to suggest some new plan for the appointment of delegates to other bodies. The report was adopted. It provides for certain changes in art. x, of the Constitution, (which see.)

Rev. Joseph Emerson spoke in behalf of the American Foreign Christian Union.

Rev. John Wood, in behalf of the Boston Tract Society.

Rev. C. Cushing, in behalf of the American Congregational Union.

Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society.

Rev. Dr. Hasker, and Rev. W. Warren, upon the subject of Foreign Missions.

Public exercises closed with singing.

The Committee of Arrangements, to whom the subject had been previously referred, reported the following amendment to the Constitution, which was adopted, viz: Addition to art. ii. Clergymen and laymen from the churches represented in this Association, but not themselves delegates, and also delegates from corresponding bodies, may by a vote of the Association, be invited to sit as corresponding members.

Upon motion of Dr. Wallace, Prof. Parker, and Dr. Davis, were appointed a committee to consider the relations of Dartmouth College to this body.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Dartmouth College reported the following amendment to the Constitution, which was adopted, viz: After the word "it" in art. ii, of the Constitution, insert "with a representative of the Faculty of Dartmouth College."

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett made a report in regard to the finances of the Association, which was adopted and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Voted, To raise $200, to defray the expenses of the current year.

Voted, To publish 1000 copies of the Minutes; 900 in connection with the report of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Gave place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Education Society.

Rev. Wm. Clark offered prayer.

The report of the Directors was read, and voted to be printed with the minutes. Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of American Educational Society, preached a sermon from 1st Timothy, 3 : 1.

At 4 o'clock, the Sabbath School Society held its annual meeting in the Pearl Street Church.

Prayer by Rev. Jeremiah Blake.

Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Robey, Warren, Greeley, Walker and Sargent.

The services were interspersed with singing by the children, and closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Goodwin.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

Evening session, 7 o'clock.

Elected Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary for three years.

Voted, To raise $50 additional, to defray the expenses of printing the minutes.

The following questions were discussed:

1st. Is there a necessity for an abridged course of study in our Theological Seminaries? If so, what shall it be; and what classes of men should enter upon it?

By Rev. Dr. Young and Rev. A. Berry.

2d. What are the causes of the neglect of public worship, and by what means can they be remedied?

By Rev. H. A. Hazen and Rev. Dr. Wallace.

3d. How can members of our churches most efficiently co-operate with their pastors in christian effort?

By Rev. Joseph Blake.

Rev. Dr. Marsh addressed the meeting upon the subject of Temperance. After singing, closed with Benediction by Rev. William Warren.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, Aug. 29.

Prayer meeting at the Olive St. Church, at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wm. T. Savage.

Met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment in Pearl St. Church.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Greeley.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, in relation to delegates to corresponding bodies, which was referred to the Publishing Committee, to be amended at their discretion.

Chief Justice Chase was here introduced to the Association, by the moderator.

In a brief address he alluded to the duty of the clergymen to instruct their hearers as to their moral obligations in the exercise of the right of suffrage. After which, the members of the Association were introduced to him.

The Committee on Nominations made a further report in relation to the place and preacher for the next meeting, which was adopted as follows: Place of meeting to be notified by the Secretary.

The Union Association to furnish the preacher of the opening sermon.

Rev. G. M. Adams to preach before the Sacrament. Rev. L. Z. Ferris, substitute.

Rev. Messrs. Davis, Walker and Ayer, were appointed a Committee to report at the next meeting, the best method of conducting the "Sabbath School Exercises."

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett made a report in relation to the "Ministers and Widows Charitable Fund," which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. R. M. Sargeant was substituted for Prof. Varney, as a member of the Committee on Dartmouth College.

Adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to give place to the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Rev. Dr. Stone presided. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Manning.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted.

Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. C. F. Smith, Secretary of Vermont Missionary Society, and Rev. Prof. Butterfield of Kansas.

THURSDAY, 1 1-2, P. M.

Minutes were read and approved.

Resolutions were reported and adopted in relation to Lincoln College, Kansas, as follows:

Whereas, Our brethren in Kansas are building Lincoln College, an institution which is greatly needed to educate ministers for that vast and destitute region, Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we regard the enterprise as vitally necessary to the Home Missionary work and the prosperity of the churches.

2d, That, inasmuch as our Kansas brethren have given proof of their zeal, in doing all they can, we most cordially commend the work, and exhort them to put this College at once upon a working foundation.

Rev. Dr. Richards, and Rev. F. D. Ayer, were appointed to officiate at the communion.

The following resolution, from the committee of arrangements, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association approve of the Congregational Board of Publication, as an institution for the production and circulation of our denominational literature, and cordially commend it to the patronage of the churches.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

Belknap—To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. Joseph Blake. *Substitute*, Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

Derry and Manchester—To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. A. Little. *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Ray.

To the General Association of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. J. L. Towlinson.

To the General Association of Nebraska:
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. J. S. Davis, D. D.

Harmony—To the General Conference of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. O. Holmes. *Substitute*, Rev. R. H. Riddle.

Hopkinton—To the General Association of Oregon:

Primary, Rev. U. W. Condit. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Marsh.

Hollis—To the General Association of Kansas:

Primary, Rev. D. E. Adams. *Substitute*, Rev. E. C. Hooker.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. B. H. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. P. B. Day, D. D.

Lancaster—To the General Association of Connecticut:

Primary, Rev. H. V. Emmons. *Substitute*, Rev. C. E. Milliken.

Monadnock—To the General Association of New York:

Primary, Rev. S. L. Gerould. *Substitute*, Rev. J. M. Stowe.

To the Free Will Baptist yearly meeting:

Primary, Rev. W. S. Gaylord. *Substitute*, Rev. A. C. Field.

Piscataqua—To the General Association of Ohio:

Primary, Rev. A. Tobey, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Chickering.

To the General Association of Michigan:

Primary, Rev. A. S. Walker. *Substitute*, Rev. Edward Robie.

To the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

Primary, Rev. J. A. Stearns. *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Dodge.

Sullivan—To the General Association of Indiana;

Primary, Rev. M. Gerould. *Substitute*, Rev. E. W. Clarke.

To the General Association of Illinois;

Primary, Rev. J. M. Merrill. *Substitute*, Rev. E. B. Bassett.

Orange—To the Baptist Convention of New Hampshire;

Primary, Rev. J. D. Emerson. *Substitute*, Rev. J. LeBosquet.

Suncook—To the General Association of Missouri;

Primary, Rev. N. T. Ferris. *Substitute*, Rev. W. O. Carr.

Union—To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.;

Primary, Rev. E. B. Claggett. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Bigelow.

White River—To the Congregational Union of Canada;

Primary, Rev. S. P. Leeds. *Substitute*, Rev. C. A. Downs.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be rendered to the churches, and citizens, of Nashua, for the generous hospitality with which we have been entertained during the present session, and for the cordiality with which we have been welcomed to their homes.

Voted, That we extend our grateful acknowledgements to the officers of the Railroads, leading out of Nashua, for their generosity in furnishing free return tickets.

Rev. Messrs. Hooker, Mann, and Davis, were appointed a Committee to report on the subject of Temperance, next year.

At the public services of the closing meeting, Rev. E. D. Eldridge preached from 1 Cor., 10 : 4. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered.

The Association adjourned *sine die*.

P. B. DAY, *Moderator.*

J. M. STOWE, *Scribe.*

M. L. SEVERANCE, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In physical conformation, New Hampshire and the land strictly called Palestine, "this side Jordan," bear a somewhat striking resemblance to each other. Their length, breadth, and area do not greatly differ. Both lie between the river and the Great Sea, and are diversified by lakes. Each has its Lebanon, or White Mountains, lifting themselves boldly against the sky in the north; from which ranges of hills, rising here and there into a mountain peak, stretch away to the southward. The population of New Hampshire is but little greater than that of Palestine, as nearly as can be ascertained. But when we come to the comparison of those elements which make the true prosperity of a country,—civil and religious institutions, piety, morality, and intelligence, how much have we to be thankful for that God has cast our lot in a land so highly blessed. With a soil of far less original fertility, we are endowed with the greater blessings of a free and pure Gospel, civil liberty, a pious ancestry, and systems and institutions of education for all. Palestine lost her pre-eminence by the corruption of true religion, and the consequent debasement of her people. New Hampshire is indebted to Christianity, to Protestant and Puritan Christianity, for her elevation and prosperity as a State. Shall we maintain the position to which our fathers, under the gracious leadings of God, have brought this generation? Are we making any advance, or, all things considered, are we losing ground? These are for us, at least, momentous questions.

The Governor of our State is accustomed to present to the General Assembly an annual survey of, in particular, the material interests of the Commonwealth. The whole people demand a faithful account of the condition of their civil affairs, appreciating its importance. Do we not much more need to know the real condition of things among the people, with regard to that which lies at the foundation of civil and social welfare, and which is of eternal moment to every individual soul of our more than three hundred thousand inhabitants?

In this view, the work assigned to your Committee is one of the greatest consequence. With the assistance of other brethren in the various conferences, they have compiled the following Report, which they now submit. A geographical order of arrangement has its advantages, and we will, therefore, begin with the Conference lying farthest south and west, and proceed up the valley of the Connecticut, then down upon the eastern side of the State, ending with the Conference which lies in the heart of the Commonwealth.

CHESHIRE CONFERENCE. Nine churches have pastors; twelve, stated supplies; and four are vacant. Two churches, Jaffrey and Keene, have received pastors during the year, and Rev. J. P. Humphrey of Winchester, has been dismissed. At the close of forty-five years of pastoral labor, Rev. Dr. Burnham of Rindge, retired from active service in June last. Houses of worship are being repaired in three places, New Alstead, Gilsum, and Sullivan.

Religious interest, more than usual, but without any general revival, has existed in four of the churches, namely, Keene, Hinsdale, Stoddard, and Troy, and a few conversions are reported from each. Of 10 who joined at Hinsdale by profession, 8 were young ladies, 4 of whom were members of one Sabbath School class, and the other two were young men who had served their country in the army. "One young lady, who had found light and peace after long and trembling search, left her sick chamber, and, by heroic exertion, came before the congregation and took the vows of the Lord upon her; and then returned home, to pass, ere another communion season, to her rest." At Keene, there are "some who are expected to unite with the church by profession, and several new cases of hopeful conversion." Here, and at Stoddard and Troy, the prayer meetings are spoken of as very fully attended and productive of marked good. Marlborough reports an unusual number of deaths in the church and congregation, those among church members being about one in eighteen. The church at Troy presents the example of a whole household consecrated to Christ at the same time, the parents being received into full fellowship and their four children baptized. "The new ones," it is said, "are *workers*, and seem anxious to have the sleepy ones awaked." Thus, some are coming into the church on earth, while others are being called up higher.

SULLIVAN CONFERENCE. The majority of these churches are small and feeble. All but two have enjoyed during the year the stated preaching of the Gospel, three of them, however, but for part of the time. Meriden has lost the services of its young and efficient pastor, who has gone west to help lay the foundations there. Newport is still without a settled pastor. Some of the public churches have been rendered still more feeble by removals.

The church at Acworth enjoyed, during the winter, a precious work of grace, resulting in twenty-five or thirty hopeful conversions. The revival commenced with a thorough visitation of the parish, by a Committee appointed by the church. At Claremont, fifteen or twenty additions to the church are reported. There has been no revival, but many, from time to time, have been found inquiring the way of life. Very much the same state of things has existed in the adjoining town of Cornish. The pastor speaks of a continued seriousness and some conversions, with ten additions by profession, during the year. The resident membership has been increased one fourth, and the real strength and efficiency of the

church still more. Hope has taken the place of discouragement. Additions to other churches have been, so far as heard from, but few.

Grafton Conference. Eight churches have pastors; ten, stated supplies, and five are destitute. Rev. A. Mann has been installed at Bath. One pastor, Rev. C. F. Abbott of Bristol, has been removed by death. Rather more than one-fifth of the members reported are non-residents. There have been received in all 148 by profession of faith, making an average of six to each church. Lyme and Haverhill have been especially favored; Lyme receiving fifty-three, only three of whom were by letter, and Haverhill, thirty-two, all but seven by profession. The late pastor at Lyme writes that their meetings are still well attended, and that "there are now (July 27) indications of more than ordinary religious interest." Surely, this esteemed pastor retires from the thirty-seven years of labor with his people here, amid signal manifestations of the Master's favor.

In Haverhill, most of those who united with the church were from the Sabbath School, or have joined it. This school, it may fitly be added, has enjoyed the care and labors of one Superintendent for thirty years—Dea. A K. Merrill. The pastor also reports that six young men, members of that church, are seeking an education with a more or less definite purpose of preaching. Three more are in the work, and one is at the Seminary.

The church in Piermont has also been blessed. For a time, religious meetings were sustained four or five evenings a week in the different parts of the parish, although there was not a single extra preaching service; and fifteen united with the church by profession last spring. Campton, Bath, and Plymouth, also, report some special interest during the year, and encouraging advance.

There has been no unusually large number of additions to the church at Dartmouth College, during the year. But the attention of the students in particular, and their deportment alike on the Sabbath and on week days, in the sanctuary and the recitation-room, has been excellent. Not a case of discipline has been reported for a twelvemonth, "hazing" has been voluntarily renounced, and the influence of the large number of Christian students has been marked and constant. Shall we attribute such facts to general causes merely, or shall we not rather see in them the grace of the Spirit of God! Surely the growth of our Christian young men in what is lovely and of good report, is exceedingly important, and when manifest, something to be devoutly thankful for; we need progress in *intensity*, as well as *extension*, of religous power. And moral progress among the unrenewed, though it cannot satisfy, is a cheering fact and a hopeful sign.

The churches in Bath and Piermont have thoroughly repaired their houses of worship; that at Lebanon has added twenty pews in the gallery at one end of the house, placing a newly obtained or-

gan behind the pulpit, and has built a commodious vestry; the church in Enfield, encouraged by increase of interest and of numbers, is debating the subject of building or purchase, in which effort it will need and deserve aid from sister churches; and that at Dartmouth College is making some improvements.

The number of infant baptisms is remarkably small, only sixteen out of one hundred and twenty baptisms in all. Charitable collections over $6,600, of which $2100 was the gift of a charitable lady in Lyme. The Grafton County Scholarship Fund amounts to $1100, and a very promising young man has been selected to receive its benefit.

Coos Conference. Two pastors and two stated supplies form the ministerial working force. These have been assisted during the summer by a Princeton student preaching at West Stewartstown, with good success. An increase of attendance and interest marked his labors. Colebrook has for stated supply, Rev. Norman McLeod, "a live man," who is working hard. A few converts are reported, and the aspect of things is better than for some years. The church in Lancaster has for its pastor, Rev. H. V. Emmons, only lineal descendant of the old "Doctor." They have neatly repaired their house and purchased a new organ at an expense of about $3.000. Four additions to the church and an encouraging state of things reported. Rev. H. Farrar is laboring in his second year as stated supply at Dalton, and mentions three additions to the church. The church in Littleton made some special effort during the winter and spring, resulting, under the blessing of God, in ten or twelve conversions and eight additions. At Bethlehem and Franconia there has been no preaching of our order. The general appearance of the churches in this county is, on the whole, gratifying and hopeful.

Strafford Conference. The connection between pastors and people, with two exceptions, remains the same as reported at last year's conference, which is a matter for gratitude. The church in Ossipee has been left destitute, its acting pastor having removed to another field of labor. Rev. Dr. Young, pastor of the church in Laconia for fifty-five years, having sustained the relation longer than any other pastor in the Conference, after a ministry of great success, honor, and usefulness, was dismissed in February last. "His excellent christian influence and labors among us are still much to be desired." None of the standard bearers of the cross have fallen by the shafts of death.

No extensive work of grace is reported from any church, but mention is made of about twenty-five hopeful conversions. Though not all this number have joined the churches by profession, the whole number of church members has not diminished. Prayer meetings, those important tests of piety in the heart and efficiency in the church, are reported as being better attended in several places, and with deeper and more solemn interest, than last year. Pas-

tors and churches are generally giving increased attention to the Sabbath School.

External prosperity prevails generally among the churches; peace and harmony in an eminent degree, characterize them. Important improvements and provisions for public worship, in several instances, have been made, thereby securing a larger attendance and greater interest in the Sabbath services.

The report from this Conference closes with expressions of gratitude for mercies received, and of hope founded upon the promise, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Rockingham Conference. Three churches, which at the beginning of the year were destitute, have obtained either settled or acting pastors. These are the church in Raymond, 1st church in Exeter, and that in Seabrook and Hampton Falls. It is a matter of special gratification that this latter church, so long without the preached word, is now again at work for Christ. We would extend the hand of warmest greeting to this sister, whom we thought lost, but is found.

No church has been able to report those precious fruits of God's special presence "which have, at almost every meeting of the Conference in former years, cheered and warmed our hearts." Some conversions and a few additions on profession of faith are spoken of. Some of the churches in the county, it is said, are apparently declining in religious life and strength. The condition of spiritual things in Rye, South New Market, Brentwood, and Kingston, should stir up many to earnest prayer that the oil may not entirely fail in the lamps which have been so long borne by the faithful servants of God, amid the darkness of these places.

Sabbath Schools are reported as, generally, in an improved condition. In several instances in this and other parts of the State, the monthly Sabbath School Concert or Children's Meeting, takes the place of the afternoon service with marked advantage. The cause of Christian benevolence has, with few exceptions, received increased attention. Some of the churches have added quite largely to their previous contributions.

Hillsborough Conference. During the past year, five pastors have been dismissed, and four have been settled. Rev. Mr. Ray resigned at Goffstown on account of ill health and has gone to Minnesota. Rev. Mr. Cutler of Francestown, has also gone west. His place is filled, for the present, by Rev. Dr. Richards, who was pastor of the church thirty years ago. Dr. Richards left Nashua after a pastorate of thirty years in connection with the Olive Street Church, bearing with him the esteem and affectionate regard of the church and community. A liberal sum was contributed by his friends, as a parting memorial of his long, tried, and faithful service. Rev. Mr. Parsons has also been dismissed from the Pearl St. Church. Rev. Calvin Cutter closed his labors at New Ipswich

in April last, and has gone to Auburndale, Mass. Rev. George Williams has exchanged his field in Temple for that in Townsend, Mass. Rev. Isaiah Smith of Maine, has taken his place. The Presbyterian Church in New Boston has received as pastor, Rev. D. C. Frink, who had previously labored five years at Richmond, Canada. Rev. T. P. Sawin has left Brookline. and returned to the care of the Mission Church in Manchester, where he is doing a good work. The vacancy was speedily filled by Rev. Mr. Manning, who had been laboring at Amherst. The churches now in want of pastors, are Antrim, Goffstown, Greenfield, Litchfield, Merrimack South, Olive St., and Pearl St., Nashua, New Ipswich, and Milford. The church in Merrimack has secured Rev. Mr. Bates, formerly of Antrim, and the Franklin St., Church, Manchester, has settled Mr. Pecker, late of Andover Seminary.

Although no general revival has occurred within the limits of the Conference, yet a special interest has been manifest in some places, and over one hundred and twenty additions to the churches are reported, many of them from the ranks of the young. At Bedford, fifteen have been added to the church, "most of them converted during the labors of Father Savage." Dr. Richards writes from Francestown, "There has been a general quickening of the church, and two interesting cases of hopeful conversion of young men. have given us encouragement." At Antrim, and New Ipswich, a hopeful state of things existed at the time their pastors left. Especially noticeable, is the long desired union of the two churches in Greenfield. After a sad, disastrous separation of more than thirty years, they have now come together under circumstances which promise great good for the future. May the Head of the Church, whose last recorded prayer for His people was, that they might be *one*, send to the reconstructed church a pastor fitted to make perfect the union thus happily begun, and bring into the kingdom many souls newly united to Christ.

All the churches report an increase of interest in the Sabbath School. At Hollis, Milford, Temple, Litchfield, Bennington, and Wilton, the Sabbath Schools have been blessed by the converting presence of the Spirit, and so have been a great blessing to the churches with which they are connected. The churches in Amherst, Peterborough, and Hillsborough Bridge, have repaired their houses of worship; the First Church of Manchester has paid off a debt of $6,000; the Church in Francestown are making an effort to build a vestry, and the small Church and Society in Mont Vernon, have completed a convenient and commodious parsonage at an expense of $2500. The churches at Amherst and Mont Vernon, have lost many members by death.

Merrimack Conference. Destitution of pastors is a somewhat marked feature at the present time. All the churches in Concord are without settled ministers. The death of Rev. Asa P. Tenney of West Concord, was an event calling for especial notice

by the surrounding churches, and appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Conference.

No extensive work of grace is mentioned, yet, in many instances, apparent indications of good have not been wanting,—God's invitations to the churches to make His path straight, for His kingdom is at hand. At Boscawen, the most demonstrative interest appeared, resulting in the addition of twenty-three to the church. This work however, was without outward excitement, needing indeed, a little more of the power which constrains the lips to testify of what has been wrought in the heart, to the glory of Christ. Several congregations report a quiet, increased seriousness of attention.

In Pembroke, and a few other places, repairs are making upon the house of worship. In one instance, Henniker, a good movement has been inaugurated in the purging of the church roll, absent members being required to put themselves into right relation with the church they have left, and that to which they have gone. The pastor also writes, "Our Sabbath School is increasing in interest, chiefly through the influence of juvenile singing. The Sabbath School Concert is *the* meeting of the month aside from the public services of the sanctuary," for which much preparation is made.

These, brethren, are some of the outward indications of the existence and progress of that religion which we hope is a living power in the hearts of the members of the churches here represented. The facts thus compiled speak but for our denomination. Many churches of other names must bring in their report of the portion of the land given them to cultivate before even this surface view of our subject would be complete. But true religion cannot be tabulated. The progress of faith, piety, sanctification, within our churches is a matter, with regard to which God alone knows the real truth. It is a matter, nevertheless, which should awaken serious thought and cause sincere self-questioning on the part of every professed Christian. Each should ask, "What is the state of religion in my own heart? What progress have I made in spiritual experience and practical piety within the past year? What have I done for Christ? Any report of mere facts can give but a poor representation of the actual condition of the churches in these respects.

Yet it is encouraging to note outward signs of improvement. In living harmony and vital interest in religion, there certainly seems to be an advance. While but few general revivals are reported—only one or two besides those in Grafton county—there are marks of substantial growth in the essentials of a true Christian church and life. A reaction from the excitements and prejudices of the war is bringing large numbers within reach of the influences of the Gospel who have held aloof. There is an increase in benevolent contributions. Church buildings are being repaired, a sign of real interest in the prosperity of Zion. The State is being canvassed and resupplied with Bibles, a work of seed-sowing, and often of reaping as well.

The matter of pastoral support is receiving in many places tardy justice. Many ministers of our order, at least, have had their salaries increased somewhat in the proportion of the rise in prices. Yet much remains to be done in this direction. One pastor receives a nominal salary of $300, *less than it was before the advance in the cost of living.* The family of another, perhaps as able and successful a pastor as there is in the State, have often been obliged to deny themselves articles of common use, and sometimes have really suffered for want of good, plain, liberal fare. The statistics recently published, showing that while prices rose 100 per cent. during the war, and the wages of ordinary labor 50 per cent., the salaries of the clergy advanced but 20 per cent., ought to arouse the sense of justice and bring forth prompt action in many delinquent parishes. Much has been done since the war to remedy the difficulty, but it is still too prevalent.

The interest of the churches in Dartmouth College, is a hopeful sign. The work accomplished in endowing Conference Scholarships is very gratifying. Let the interest thus manifested be prayerful and permanent, and our college will attain a power and a moral height, it has never yet reached. The prosperity which has attended the cause of education throughout the State, during the past year, is an omen of great good.

Upon the subject of temperance, little is needed but to echo the forcible remarks embodied in the Narrative of last year. Yet there are indications of progress here. The cause is acquiring consistency; the work is getting more thoroughly organized; the ministry and churches are wheeling into line; the young are brought into the temperance army. But we have not yet recovered lost ground. Multitudes are falling before the pitiless enemy. Our young men, as a distinguished Senator said to them in a late noble address upon the subject, "are *too precious to be lost.*" We should never rest in this warfare. We may gather special encouragement from the increased interest taken in the Sabbath School work. This is a marked feature in the reports from different conferences. We are beginning slowly to catch the spirit and use the means which have infused a new life and power into this instrumentality in other parts of the country. But we are yet, as a State, a long way behind. Shall we any longer neglect to throw ourselves into this work with the vigor it demands! Ought we not at once to avail ourselves of such agencies as Sabbath School Conventions, Sabbath School Teachers' Normal Institutes, and other approved means of training up skilled workmen in this important branch of the work of the church? And shall we not try to catch the spirit as well as adopt the methods of Wells, Pardee, Vincent, Hammond, and their co-laborers, and so receive the reward of our labors in seeing our Sabbath School children truly converted and working for Jesus?

When all our population, "from the least to the greatest," shall know the Lord, then may we begin to think of resting from some of

the kinds of work which now press upon us. But until New Hampshire becomes that which is, by way of symbol, at least, promised that Palestine shall become, we ought not to give sleep to our eyes or slumber to our eyelids in the work and warfare to which we are called. Implicit faith in the promises of God, embodied in Christian energy and fidelity, will realize within our own borders that which was spoken of Solomon's kingdom as a type of the Messiah's rule: "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth."

J. H. EDWARDS,
S. P. LEEDS.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. CHARLES F. ABBOTT, acting pastor of the Congregational Church in Bristol, fell in the strength of early manhood, a shining mark for the arrow of death. He was born in Lemington, Vt., November 27, 1831, and died at Bristol, September 20, 1866. He united with the church at Chester, Vt., while fitting for college. He was a graduate of Middlebury and Andover, in the years 1854 and 1861, respectively. The foreign missionary work lay nearest his heart, and he was looking forward to a speedy settlement in Persia, when the war broke out and frustrated his plans. He was ordained as an Evangelist at Bristol, where he continued preaching until within a few months of his death. His application to study, and earnest efforts among his people, undermined his health. His voice failed in May, 1866, and he resigned his charge. The last months of his life were months of great suffering, yet he was ever cheerful and everywhere beloved. His last sermon was preached at the communion season in July, when he received four persons into the church, and was upon these words, "There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people of God." The Resolutions adopted by the Hopkinton Association, speak of him as "a brother greatly beloved for his amiable disposition, simplicity and purity of his private character, his cultivated and well balanced mind, soundness in faith, deep piety, and faithfulness in the ministry."

The Rev. ASA P. TENNEY, of West Concord, died March 1, at the age of 66, after a sickness of several months' continuance. Mr.

Tenney, when a young man, left a mechanical employment to engage in study for the ministry, and he brought from his trade eminent practical ability and business efficiency into his future profession. He always carried on a farm with marked success, yet without neglecting anything of his spiritual husbandry. With his unvarying three public services on the Sabbath, a lecture and one or two social meetings during the week, and in his large rural parish holding meetings in its various school districts regularly and from time to time, he thus brought constantly to bear upon all parts of his field of labor a very effective system of religious influences and operations; and as the result of it, seldom did a year pass without some especial religious interest among his people, and particularly among his young people, over which class he watched with peculiar interest. Aided by his devotedly excellent companion, he had the joy of seeing all his own children entertaining a Christian hope very early in life, and with them always a large share of the children and youth of his parish. Bro. Tenney was an assiduous, indefatigable worker; retiring early, he was in the habit of rising from three to four o'clock in the morning, doing the principal part of his study and writing at those early hours; and then having the bulk of the day for moving about amid his secular cares and parochial duties. Devoted to the religious welfare of his flock, interested in schools and the education of the young, and ever alive to all the important questions of the day, he completed a long, laborious, useful ministry. After a pastorate at West Concord of nearly thirty-four years, he passed away amply sustained by the glorious hopes of that blessed Gospel he had so long and earnestly preached.

Rev. Charles E. Blood, was born in Mason, N. H., March 1, 1810. During the period of youth he was exposed to many temptations, but, through the influence principally of a pious sister, became a christian at the age of 17. He united with the church in Rindge, and was active in religious duties. For a while he studied at New Ipswich, but went through his college course at Illinois College. He graduated at Lane Seminary in 1810, and so finished the long struggle for his education amid continual poverty. He was settled for seven years over the Presbyterian Church in Collinsville, Illinois; then taught for five years, and then again took the charge of a church at Farmington, Ill. In 1854 he went to Kansas to help save it for freedom, and labored there under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society. His last years of pastoral labor were spent at Wataga, Ill. He died March 25, 1866, saying that he was going "home."

Rev. Ebenezer Chase died at West Tisbury, Mass., May 22, 1866. He was born in Bedford, N. H. He early became a Christian and united with the Free Will Baptist denomination, in which connection he remained, as minister and editor, over 20 years. In 1830 he was installed over the Congregational Church in Gilsum,

and afterwards labored at Westmoreland, Vt., and West Tisbury, West Tamworth, and Eastham, Mass. He was more than fifty years in the active duties of the ministry, and was spiritual and devoted in them. He preached over eleven thousand sermons, and was rewarded by many precious revivals of religion. At the ripe age of 81, he went to his final reward.

Rev. ELIJAH W. TUCKER, who died in Northfield, Conn., August 6, 1866, was first settled at South Newmarket, N. H. During the four years of his ministry there, an interesting revival occurred, which brought into the church more than one third of the adult population connected with his society. He afterwards labored at Chatham, Mass., and still later in Connecticut, always proving himself "a good minister of Jesus Christ." He died at the age of 56.

Rev. SAMUEL BEAN was born in Lyman, N. H., March 1, 1812, and died at Norton, Mass., May 8, 1865. He graduated at Dartmouth in 1836, and at Andover in 1840. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Great Falls, N. H., 1841, and left the State in 1844, to labor in Little Compton, R. I. His health failing he removed to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he taught a young ladies seminary for three years. Improved health induced him to accept a call from the church in Norton, Mass., where he died beloved and lamented. In social and pastoral relations, Mr. Bean was genial, wise, and sympathetic. As a preacher, he was scriptural, earnest and winning.

Rev. CLEMENT PARKER was born in Coventry, Conn., Jan. 14, 1782, of a patriotic family. Having hopefully experienced religion in his youth, he commenced preaching in Vermont in connection with the Methodists. He soon discovered that he was not Arminian in sentiment, and joined our own denomination. He was settled at West Chester, in this State, from 1817 to 1825, and was esteemed and beloved. He subsequently preached at various times in Farmington, Milton, and in pulpits near Great Falls. Much of his life was spent in Maine, but he returned to Farmington to spend his last years. His wife, a good woman and faithful helpmeet, died in 1864. In his latter days he showed the deep hold religion had upon him by continuing to find his way to the house of God, after his faculties were so far gone that he would lose his way to the house of his own son. His preaching is said to have been marked by earnestness, warmth, and tenderness. He delighted especially to dwell upon the love of Christ. At the age of 85 he departed in peace, Feb. 25, 1867.

Rev. M. LEFFINGWELL left the ranks of Methodism to labor in connection with Congregationalists, and after a brief engagement elsewhere, preached for several years at Hooksett. He was a good man and faithful pastor, though naturally somewhat reserved, so that his real kindness of heart was not always appreciated. He

left Hooksett to go West and died at Cameron, Missouri. His wife had "gone before" him but a few months.

Rev. BENJAMIN G. WILLEY died at East Sumner, Maine, April 18, 1867, aged 71 years. He preached about twelve years at Conway, in our State, (which was his birthplace) and also at Milton, and Farmington. He was an earnest, faithful laborer for Christ, and has left behind him a fragrant memory. At the annual meeting of the General Association at Nashua, more than one of his ministerial brethren and colaborers paid a warm tribute to his Christian character and his work in the ministry. An obituary in the Congregationalist says:

"Mr. Willey was eminently a good man. No one not even the most careless and wicked, could meet him without feeling the influence of his calm, benignant presence. He was greatly beloved by his people at Milton and Farmington, where the prime of his life was passed, and where his death is sincerely mourned. He was an earnest and effective preacher, and had he turned his attention to the graces of oratory, he doubtless would have excelled as a speaker. His life was unusually pure and simple. By nature modest and unassuming, yet he was always zealous and faithful in his Master's service. This most excellent man had a long, a useful, and a successful life, and in death as in life, he was obedient to his Master's call. His work was well done, and he rejoiced to go home."

Rev. ELIHU T. ROWE died at Auburndale, Mass., March 21, 1867, aged 53. He was a grandson of Rev. Elihu Thayer, D. D., of Kingston, N. H., where he was born. He graduated at Dartmouth in the class of 1840, and after studying theology, preached at Hartford, Vt., and elsewhere. The latter part of his life was spent in teaching. His many pupils at Meriden remember him with peculiar affection. Leaving there he presided over the Academy at New Ipswich for a year, and then removed to Auburndale, Mass., where he died. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, of strong convictions, yet genial in social relations. He carried many sheaves with him to his heavenly home.

In Providence, R. I., April 9, 1866, Mrs. Julia M. wife of Rev. L. Swain, D. D., in the 43d year of her age. Mrs. Swain was born in Lebanon, N. H., and is remembered with affection and sadness by very many friends in the State. We quote a few words from a memorial prepared by the ladies of her parish: "She was our pastor's wife, and by us universally and heartily beloved. Her's was a rare and beautiful character, so well balanced, so perfect in symmetry, that we can hardly specify traits which were most prominent. As a Christian, she was humble and loving, devoted, patient, and laborious. As a minister's wife, it has been usual to speak of her as a perfect model. Early and late she worked with patient, loving fidelity, in the vineyard of her Lord. He has called her to her reward."

Mrs. Lucy A. (Merriam) Gerould, was born in Mason Village, N. H., Nov. 10, 1836, and was educated at New Ipswich Academy, (where, in 1852, she gave her heart to the Saviour) and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. Leaving the Seminary, she engaged in teaching; first in Coeymans, N. Y., and afterwards in Waltham, Mass. She was married to Rev. Samuel L. Gerould of Stoddard, Sept. 20, 1860, and immediately entered upon her new duties with great interest and zeal; and while she lived she "did what she could." She died January 12, 1867, lamented by all who had ever known her. As a daughter, she was dutiful and obedient; as a pupil, patient and teachable; as a wife, devoted and affectionate; as a pastor's helpmeet, self-sacrificing and active; as a mother, faithful and loving; and as a Christian, earnest and humble.

Died in Roxbury, February 27, 1867, Mrs. Alma Cole, wife of Rev. Oscar Bissell, aged 44. Mrs. Bissell united with the church in Westmoreland, of which place she was a native, in May, 1841, and ever after maintained a consistent Christian profession. As a pastor's wife, she was prevented by frequent turns of poor health, from taking any very active share in the duties of the parish; still it was evident that her heart was in the work, and she was always anxious for the prosperity of the church. She maintained, especially during the last years of her life, a constant growth in grace and in Christian knowledge. Anticipating, though not expecting death, she had set her house in order, and when it came in its suddenness she was evidently sustained by a sweet and precious hope in the Saviour.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association:

Beloved in the Lord:—For your welfare and the advancement of Christ's reign, we hold this annual convocation; and in accordance with the usage of the fathers, and the promptings of our own hearts, we send you this message of fraternal regard, to call your attention to the interests of the churches to which you respectively belong.

Nothing is more evident from the Holy Scriptures than that the Divine Redeemer intended to have his followers formed into visible bodies. During his mission he prepared the materials for one which was organized at Jerusalem, soon after his ascension; and

it was a prominent object with his Apostles to form churches in the cities and villages where converts were made. Nearly thirty different ones are spoken of specifically in the New Testament, and a much larger number is referred to in more general terms.

We think the Apostolic conception of a local church is simply this: A company of believers in Christ banded together in the name of the Master to promote each others benefit, sustain public worship, the ordinances of the gospel, and the preaching of the word, and to pray and labor for the salvation of men.

In the proportion that a church accomplishes the object for which it exists, it is an invaluable institution. Having the Bible for its standard of faith and rule of action, so far as it sustains the morality and enforces the religion thereof, it promotes the welfare of man for time and for eternity.

Take for illustration one of the many churches now addressed. Although it has ever had imperfection within it; although it may at no period have been entirely free from the scandal of bad members; and although its numerical strength has not been large, yet it has been a great blessing to the community where it is located. Chiefly through its instrumentality public worship has been sustained in that place more than a hundred years, the holy doctrines and precepts of the Bible have been preached, the ordinances and institutions of the gospel cherished, and the most salutary influences exerted. From time to time, God has bestowed upon it his reviving grace, and added to it converts of righteousness. By it tens of thousands of dollars have been contributed to promote the interests of religion at home, and causes of benevolence abroad; while its substantial men and women who have gone forth from it, some of them ministers and teachers, have occupied places of usefulness in various parts of the land. No other institution could have done so much for that community. All its best interests have been promoted, and eternity is made more joyful.

Such substantially is the character and usefulness of every church, so far as it accomplishes the end for which it was established. It is of permanent and inestimable value.

Many of our churches, however, fall far short of the influence they ought to exert, and none reach the degree of moral power they might attain. How then shall the local church be made to accomplish the end for which it was formed? What course shall the friends of Christ pursue in their endeavors to make the church to which they belong, a moral force of increasing usefulness?

1. Cultivate warm sympathy with the great Head of the Church. As he is our Saviour and heavenly friend, to whom we are indebted for all that is most precious to our hearts and hopes, surely we ought not to be indifferent to the objects of his tenderest regard. That is not the way we are wont to treat those on earth who are dear to us. Allow that you are an intimate friend of Cyrus W. Field. He has formed the noble purpose, God helping him, to

unite the two worlds by an electric cable. The enterprise absorbs his thoughts by day; he dreams of it by night. He appeals to the interests of wealth, and commerce, and humanity; he crosses and recrosses the ocean, again and again; he devotes all his energies to the work. Failures which appal other hearts do not conquer his. Columbus-like, he feels sure the achievement *can* be made; he will not give over, and lo, the work is accomplished, and all the great interests of humanity clap their hands for joy. Now while this friend is engaged in the great enterprise, he lays before you his plans and his hopes. He tells you all that is in his heart. Has he not a right to expect your sympathy and encouragement? Would not indifference on your part shock that noble heart? Would it not shock yourself? There is nothing on earth that so absorbs his mind. He gives his life to it. Now apply the case to him who is the foundation-stone and head of the Christian Church; who hath purchased it with his own blood; who hath taught us to call it his body; whose last prayer with his disciples was for its oneness and purity; who still cares for its welfare with a depth and intensity of interest "which passeth all understanding;" and who is going to make it the medium of unspeakable good to every nation and people in all the earth. Cultivate, therefore, warm sympathy with your heavenly friend, whose regard is so great for his church, and you will feel a deep interest in that part of Zion to which you belong. Your heart will be moved to seek its welfare.

2. Contemplate the example of eminent Christians who have cared earnestly for the churches of Christ. None have surpassed, in this respect, the Apostle of the Gentiles. Although he was constrained by the love of Christ to seek with burning zeal the conversion of men, and although it was the passion of his soul to carry the glad tidings "far hence unto the Gentiles," nevertheless, "the care of all the churches was upon him." Often was he oppressed with anxiety on their account. His prayers went up continually in their behalf. He encountered every hardship and peril by land and by sea, to promote their welfare. With arduous toil he wrote to them epistle after epistle, despite all the pressure of other duties and cares. In the perusal of these messages, we hear him pouring forth the riches of heavenly truth, with all the arguments of a powerful intellect, and all the persuasions of a loving heart, to save them from evil, and make them agents of good to dying men. We are filled with admiration and amazement in contemplating his devotion to the interests of the churches. But we see other apostles, and Barnabas, and Timothy, and Titus, praying and laboring also in their behalf. Thus, also, did Augustine, and Martin Luther, and John Knox, and the English Puritans, and the fathers of New England; and thus also, later believers, whose biographies you have read, or whose example you have witnessed. How truthfully could all these have said of the Church—

"For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toil be given
Till toils and cares shall end."

Is it not good for us to contemplate these bright patterns of zeal for Zion, that our own hearts may be stirred up to a similar spirit? Blessed attainment to be like them.

3. In your endeavors to make the church to which you belong a moral power of great value to the community, pray much for its prosperity. This will serve to interest your own hearts, and bring them into sympathy with Christ, and with his saints who have evinced so great love for Zion. And, then, do you not firmly believe in a prayer-hearing God? Will he not bow his ear to your supplications? And will not grace abound in proportion to the strength of your faith and the fervor of your prayers?

"Jesus, the Lord will hear
His chosen when they cry;
Yes, though he may awhile forbear,
He'll help them from on high."

And fail not, O fail not, to meet with your brethren at the hour of prayer. Could you clearly discern the disastrous effects of neglecting this appointment of the church, the painful and depressing influence thereof on the heart of the pastor, the spiritual declension so sure to follow among the people of Zion, and the consequent apathy among the impenitent around you, we cannot believe that one of you, if born again, could willingly be a "missing disciple." Only be present in the spirit of prayer, and the love of your hearts, with the fervor of your petitions, will surely reach the kindred souls who gather there, and a larger volume of earnest supplications will go up for Zion to Zion's King, from whom descend the dews and rains of heavenly grace. Precious the exhortation and promise of the Psalmist, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

4. In your endeavors to increase the moral power and usefulness of the church to which you belong, make it one of the aims of your life to promote its peace and purity.

Since much, very much, depends on the mutual confidence and attachment of pastor and people, study to strengthen these bonds of union. So long as your minister does his Master's work, say nothing, do nothing calculated to impair his influence. You harm yourself; you harm others. To promote his usefulness is to benefit the church, and advance the cause. Were all the time and breath, sometimes expended to the detriment of the one placed over you in the gospel, but laid out in the right direction, much evil would be avoided, and more good accomplished. Said a devoted missionary writing home to his brethren from Mosul, "Stand by your pastor through good report and through evil report, till you have evidence of his unfaithfulness." And, beloved, be slow to attribute to him the absence of the Spirit, and the lack of conversions, until yours is a prayerful, earnest, working church.

Undue importance cannot be attached to the harmony of your members. Are any at variance? It is a sad spectacle. They are professed followers of the "*Prince of Peace.*" They bring reproach

on the cause; they impair the moral power of the church; they do untold harm, harm that none can fully counteract, harm that ruins the souls of men. Pray for them; go to them; appeal to them. Do it tenderly; do it in the Spirit of Christ, and they cannot be offended. With God's blessing you will heal the division, and heaven will rejoice.

Do any among you set at naught their covenant obligations, neglecting public worship, deserting the Lord's table, refusing to help support the preaching of the gospel? And are any among you chargeable with immorality? Surely all such are sadly astray, and who shall arrest their downward course? Are not *you* bound by the most solemn ties to seek their recovery, which is the first great end of discipline? And when individual members have, in the Spirit of Christian love, done all that the Master would have done for their restoration without success, should not the brethren *as a body*, have regard at once to the second great end of discipline, the interests of religion and the purity of the church? For the honor of Christ's house, the offender should either confess his sins and return to duty, or else be separated from your communion. It may be a painful task, yet is it not a duty indispensible to the interests of Zion? Never forget the affecting truth which the apostle has taught us, that "Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it, * * that it should be holy and without blemish."* In our view, therefore, if members go astray, wholesome discipline is as truly the demand of duty, as are earnest efforts for the conversion of souls and the enlargement of the church. It is intimately connected with the moral power and prosperity of Zion. We wish also to urge with equal earnestness, that, in all the work of discipline, you adhere to principle. Make no compromises of covenant requirements. Yield not to unreasonable demands for the sake of securing an offenders return on easy conditions. It will both injure him, and let down the church in the eyes of the world. Pecuniary advantage may be gained by such a course for a time, and personal hostilities perhaps be evaded, but the loss in moral power is irreparable.

In discipline, then, be faithful, thorough uncompromising; yet wise, compassionate, and fraterna!; always keeping in view the great ends to be sought, the good of the offender, the purity of the church, and the glory of God. Thus will discipline be safe, and the divine blessing will follow.

5. Strive to make that part of Zion to which you belong, a working church. The spirit of Christianity moves to this. She goes forth large hearted and loving, caring for every interest of man, but above all, for his eternal welfare. With far seeing vision she beholds the coming future, and seeks to save men from hell, and raise them to heaven. The Divine Redeemer is constantly carrying on his great work of spirituul renovation, that he may

*Eph. 5: 25, 27.

bring the race out of every form of human wretchedness, and make "a multitude which no man can number" forever blest. He calls all his disciples to earnest co-operation. The power is his, the agency ours. His churches are his organized forces. By them he operates. Each one must do the work of evangelization where he has placed it, and all are to remember that "the field is the world."

It is therefore the will of the great Head, that every church seek large measures of spiritual life, and that they develop that life abundantly in labors of love. The church of Christ was designed, indeed, to be an institute for Christian nurture, yet never a place for inactivity and repose. While its covenant people "grow in grace," they are to increase in holy aggressiveness. It is not a church *quiescent*, but a church *militant*, and every member should feel that the Divine Master, in the spirit and labors of his life, is the perfect pattern for us to imitate. Can it be other than the desire of his heart *now*, to come by his disciples "to seek and to save that which was lost?" We appeal to you in behalf of unrenewed souls among you and around you. O forget not that for them Jesus shed his precious blood. He tells you of their moral state, their guilt, and their impending doom. He assures you of the freeness of the great salvation, and sends by you to them his messages of love. The gate of life is opened wide, and, in his earnestness to save, he bids you go out and "*compel* them to come in." Time flies and sinners perish. Then strive to make that part of Zion to which you belong emphatically a working church. The redemption of the lost demands it of you.

Thus, beloved, by cultivating warm sympathy with the Great Head of the church; by contemplating the example of eminent Christians who have earnestly cared for its welfare; by pouring out your hearts in prayer for its prosperity; by making it one of the aims of your life to promote its peace and purity; and by striving to make it a working church, you render it a moral power of greater value to the community and the world, than any and every other institution. For as the heart forces its vital streams into every part of the human body, to give health and vigor, so a living church sends its moral influences into all the surrounding community, to purify, and elevate, and save. It is the world's Bible, and from it men gather their impressions of the religion of the gospel, its divine origin, its value, its necessity. Beyond a doubt, God's covenant people, in their best state, are of greater value to a community than language can express. He designed them to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

Then let nothing hinder your earnest efforts for the welfare of your respective churches. Each one will be just what its members, by the grace of God, make it. And let the prayer of Moses, the man of God, go up from every heart, "Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

There are men who spend their lives in comparative obscurity, and yet exert an influence alike wide-spread and beneficent. The applause of the multitudes even of God's people is not given them; that is bestowed on other good men, of different gifts from theirs. Yet their labors are not less useful,—it may be that in some cases they are more useful than those of their brethren.

In like manner there are organizations, institutions, societies, doing a comparatively unnoticed work, and yet a work of even *fundamental* value. The American Education Society is an example. Its annual receipts from donations and legacies do not reach twenty thousand dollars,—yet how many of our great societies surpass it in usefulness? During the last year alone it has aided 293 young men on the way to the ministry—more than half of them in Theological Seminaries; and in its whole course of fifty-one years, it has aided nearly 5,600. More than one-third of the living Congregational ministers of this country have been assisted by it. More than one-third—or, more exactly *forty-seven per cent.* of the foreign missionaries now laboring in connection with the American Board, were helped by it.

To estimate what the Society has accomplished, it would not, indeed, be proper to deduct from the number of our laborers at home and abroad, the number of those who have been aided by it, and to imagine the loss; for, doubtless, many—perhaps most—of them would have secured the necessary assistance in some other way, or have entered upon their labors with a still heavier burden of debt than that which they actually bore. But, on the other hand, many (we may be sure) *would* have faltered on their way; and besides them, *others* would have been discouraged by their example, from entering on a course of preparation; to say nothing of the many more who, as has just been hinted, would have begun their ministerial work with a crushing load of pecuniary responsibility. How many then, (it *may* properly be asked,)—how many of the 66 living foreign missionaries that have been aided by the American Education Society, could be spared. Could twenty? could twelve? or even six?

In this relation it is interesting to note that the young Seminary in Chicago is at the same time receiving liberal aid from the Society, and sending forth a liberal number of her sons to the work of foreign missions. Twenty-one students have been assisted there during the past year, and five of the last graduating class have devoted themselves to the foreign field.

It is a striking illustration of the *missionary character* of Christ's cause and kingdom, a striking proof of the *propagating nature* of the Gospel. New England had imparted her treasure to the Northwest to aid the young men to whom she had already given her sons as instructors; and these, or some of these, young men in their turn go forth to carry the Gospel and its institutions to a West so remote from even themselves that we, and they, call it the East!

It is worth our while to observe, too, how much of aid the West in general is receiving from our Society. During the past year 42 students of Western Colleges were assisted by the Society, or one-third of all that were aided in Colleges both East and West. Once more, since the dissolution of the ties between Congregationalists and Presbyterians, the Society verifies its name as the "American Education Society."

There is one aspect of the work of this Society, which, we believe, has never been presented in any of its reports: That work illustrates the blessed union of Faith and Reason, which is one of the glories of our land.

Throughout the greater part of what is called Christendom, these diverse principles are very imperfectly united. In Roman Catholic Europe, for example, the human reason is disparaged. The changes are rung on faith, or on faith and humility. And, as is natural when faith and reason are thus divorced, faith itself suffers, that which is styled such becoming a trust in the church rather than in the Word of God, and a trust in the earthly head of the church rather than in our Lord Jesus Christ. Humility is deference to him.

We pass into the Protestant countries of Continental Europe, and there too commonly we find the human reason unduly exalted and faith disparaged. And, as in the other case, faith suffers, so, in this, reason becoming, often, exceedingly unreasonable.

Great Britain, even, is furnishing just such a melancholy illustration of the separation of these two sacred principles.

Our own beloved country, on the other hand, has been signally favored in this matter. Our scholars have been christians, to a very great extent; a larger proportion of them so, than of the community at large. There is no reason to doubt that as large a proportion of our educated and eminent lawyers and physicians are disciples of Christ, as of the community at large.

Now, how much is represented by this fact! We have a church in this land, devout, sound, aggressive,—in other words, a church that insists on personal piety as requisite for admission to her communion, that holds to the doctrines of Scripture, and of those great confessions in which good men of other days have summonized those doctrines, that sends her sons into all the world to preach the Gospel; and yet we have a church that builds Colleges, and that teaches modern science, and pagan wisdom in those Colleges, and seeks the best instructors in their respective departments. Piety and the freest thought are encouraged to live side by side.

Now, the American Education Society recognizes and rejoices in this grand fact. It would not only see men raised up able to cope with skeptical minds, "able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to *convince* the gainsayers;" it believes that a fair amount of intellectual training and furniture is desirable, in any but extraordinary instances, for the *ordinary* labors of the ministry. As in appropriate circumstances it would welcome that glorious union of Liberty and Loyalty which our country has of late years so illustriously exemplified and which is as a golden milestone in the world's progress, so it welcomes the blessed union of Faith and Reason which is one of the grand characteristics of our country.

It would aid christian young men of a heroic spirit, and of glowing love to Christ to acquaint themselves with human learning and to secure the best intellectual discipline, believing that thus they can best promote the cause of sound, intelligent, effective piety among their fellow men. Rejoicing in the successful labors of *all* faithful disciples, however little versed in the teachings of the schools, it yet believes in those teachings, confident that those who enjoy them will not merely be the better fitted thereby to guide and instruct the more intelligent, or to lay the foundations of christian institutions that mould the thoughts and ways of men for centuries, but also (as we have said) to do the ordinary work of the ministry of the Gospel.

Our own State has some special reasons for *increased* interest in the Education Society. Our only College has nine students who are aided by it. They have received about $1,000 from it during the past year. Surely, brethren, we ought to contribute to its treasury at least as much as it thus gives to us. But during the last twelvemonth our contributions have been even smaller than the year before. Respectfully submitted,

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

August 28, 1867.

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was holden at the office of Rev. Dr. N. Bouton, in Concord, on the fifth day of June, 1867.

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., Treasurer.
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett,
Shadrach Seavey,
} Executive Committee.
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Auditor.

Mr. Seavey presented the report of the Treasurer for the last year, showing that the amount of the Widows' Fund on the first day of June, 1867, was twenty-six hundred and eighty-two dollars and seventy-one cents, ($2682.71), which report was accepted and adopted. These funds are invested, as follows:

Eleven shares Northern Railroad, cost	$1090 00
New Hampshire State Bond,	500 00
City of Concord Bonds,	800 00
Deposited in New Hampshire Savings' Bank,	292 71
	$2682 71

The Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, now amounts to $456.73, invested in New Hampshire State Bonds.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, August 27, 1867.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, holden immediately after the adjournment of the Trustees, it was voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars, ($190), to ten widows in restricted circumstances.

At the meeting of the General Association held at Dover, August, 1866, it was recommended that on the first Sabbath of January, in each year, a collection be taken in all our churches for the benefit of necessitous clergymen and the widow's of such, the avails to be transmitted to the Treasurer of said fund.

Agreeably to this recommendation, a circular was sent to each pastor and acting pastor through the State. It was responded to by the following churches, as follows:

First Church in Concord,	$17 03
Church in Danbury,	3 00
Church in Farmington,	5 60
South Church in Concord,	28 34
East Church in Concord,	16 28
Church in Winchester,	10 00
Church in Wilmot,	6 15
Church in Lancaster,	6 60
Church in Goffstown,	10 00
Church in Fisherville,	22 50
North Church in Sandwich,	4 35
South Church in Sandwich,	2 65
Church in Keene,	20 00
Church in Greenland,	10 15
Church in Plymouth,	9 00
Church in Boscawen,	7 75
Church in Hollis,	30 00
Church in Amherst,	25 10
Church in Sanbornton,	15 00
Church in Littleton,	8 00
Church in Claremont,	19 80
Church in Webster,	15 50
	$292 60

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held April 23, agreeably to the vote of the Trustees, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., of Laconia, was appointed as an agent to visit the churches and to raise funds. In consequence of Dr. Young resuming pastoral duties, he has not been able to devote much time to the duties of his agency. He has, however, collected funds to the amount of $112 60.

The Trustees express the hope that this laudable charity will not be forgotten by the churches, at the opening of the new year.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, Aug. 27, 1867.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

WM R. JEWETT,

In account with *General Association of New Hampshire.*

		CR	
1866.	Balance from last year,	$43 49	
	Aug. 30, Sullivan County Conference for 1866,	14 00	
	Aug 31, Cheshire County Conference for 1866,	12 00	
1867.	April 30, Grafton County Conference for 1867,	24 00	
	June 25, Rockingham County Conference,	56 00	
	June 27, Merrimack County Conference,	52 00	
	July 15, Cheshire County Conference,	21 00	
	Aug. 15, Strafford County Conference,	26 00	
	Aug. 23, Hillsborough County Conference,	44 00	
	Aug. 28, Sullivan County Conference,	14 00	
	Aug. 29, Coos County Conference,	4 00	
			$273 49

		DR.	
1866.	Nov., mailing of Minutes, including all expenses,	$8 75	
1867.	Feb. 4, B. P Stone's bill for printing,	129 38	
	May 31, printing 500 Blank Reports,	5 00	
	Express charges through the year,	2 00	
	Postage and Stationery,	3 85	
	Aug. 29, Binding volume of Minutes,	1 00	
		$149 98	
	Balance in the Treasury,	123 51	
			$273 49

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, Sept. 25, 1867.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Centre, (1st)		1777	A. C. Field,	June 28,	1866	June 28, 1866	10	29	39	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	20 00
Alstead, New (2d)	Nov. 20,	1788	S. H. Amsden,	June 12,	1856	S.S., Jan. 1, '67	29	48	77	18	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	60	35 00
Alstead, (3d)	Aug. 3,	1842	None,				4	21	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	20 00
Chesterfield,		1777	None,				5	23	28	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Dublin,		1827	A. J. Fosdick,	June 22,	1864	S. S. 1866	8	13	21	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	47	138 54
Fitzwilliam,		1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14,	1860	Sept. 14, 1860	45	110	155	14	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	2	6	289	400 00
Gilsum,		1772	Horace Wood,	July 10,	1839	S. S. 1866	14	26	40	3	3	3	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	115 00
Harrisville,		1840	W. R. Cochran,	Licentiate.		Lic., May, '66	12	28	40	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	113	83 00
Hinsdale,		1821	J. S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20,	1858	March 7, 1866	48	94	142	19	10	4	14	1	1	0	2	6	0	250	*280 00
Jaffrey,		1780	Rufus Case,	May 15,	1812	Jan. 2, 1867	25	81	106	26	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	‡148	51 80
Jaffrey, East,		1850	C. W. Allen,	Oct 6,	1833	S. S. 1863	16	46	62	14	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	1	0	100	59 00
Keene,	Oct. 18,	1738	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1,	1818	July 1, 1818	74	181	355	43	26	13	39	8	7	2	17	19	13	691	2083 08
			J. A. Leach,	Feb. 26,	1864	Aug 16, 1866															
Marlborough,	Nov. 11,	1788	Giles Lyman,	June 11,	1832	S.S. Dec. 13, '40	35	72	107	25	0	3	3	6	4	0	10	0	0	175	206 55
Nelson,		1781	Joseph Marsh,		1828	S. S. 1867	38	58	96	22	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	5	150	76 78
Rindge,	Dec.	1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14,	1821	Nov. 14, 1821	49	127	176	11	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	1	6	224	500 60
Roxbury,		1816	None.				2	8	10	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	45	25 00
Stoddard,	Sept. 4,	1787	Sam'l L. Gerould,	Oct. 2,	1861	Oct. 2, 1861	16	51	67	9	17	1	18	3	1	0	4	14	0	176	134 73
Sullivan,	Oct. 17,	1792	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31,	1855	S. S. 1863	33	50	83	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	95	104 56
Surry,	Dec. 15,	1837	None.				1	12	13	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	21	
Swanzey,		1741	Thos. E. Roberts,	March 28,	'61	S. S. 1864	16	43	59	9	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	156	82 26
Troy,	Sept.	1815	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2,	1848	S. S.	20	27	47	14	6	0	6	0	3	0	3	2	5	143	147 09
Walpole,		1761	G. H. DeBevoise,	July 26,	1865	July 26, 1865	17	78	95	14	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	2	2	100	728 55
Westmoreland,		1764	S. Bixby,	June 30,	1858	S. S. 1862	24	66	90	19	1	0	1	4	5	0	9	0	0	90	49 35
" Evang.,		1852	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27,	1830	S. S.	6	23	29	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	40 00
Winchester,		1736	None.				56	111	167	28	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	2	0	228	500 00
25 Churches,							603	1426	2029	357	82	36	118	43	44	2	89	50	41	3572	$5871 29

†Reorganized 1831. ‡From last year's report, none having been received this year. *Since Jan. 1, 1867.

WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson. Ordained, J. Hall, Chesterfield. Ordained June 5, 1833. Edwin Jennison, Winchester. Ordained Oct. 7, 1831.

SAMUEL L. GEROULD, *Statistical Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

WM R. JEWETT,

In account with *General Association of New Hampshire.*

		CR.	
1866.	Balance from last year,.....	$43 49	
	Aug. 30, Sullivan County Conference for 1866,.....	14 00	
	Aug 31, Cheshire County Conference for 1866,.....	12 00	
1867.	April 30, Grafton County Conference for 1867,.....	24 00	
	June 22, Rockingham County Conference,.....	36 00	
	June 27, Merrimack County Conference,.....	32 00	
	July 15, Cheshire County Conference,.....	24 00	
	Aug. 15, Strafford County Conference,.....	26 00	
	Aug. 23, Hillsborough County Conference,.....	44 00	
	Aug. 28, Sullivan County Conference,.....	14 00	
	Aug. 29, Coos County Conference,.....	4 00	
			$273 49

		DR.	
1866.	Nov., mailing of Minutes, including all expenses,.....	$8 75	
1867.	Feb. 4, B. P Stone's bill for printing,.....	129 38	
	May 31, printing 500 Blank Reports,...	5 00	
	Express charges through the year,.....	2 00	
	Postage and Stationery,.....	3 85	
	Aug. 29, Binding volume of Minutes,.....	1 00	
		$149 98	
	Balance in the Treasury,.....	123 51	
			$273 49

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, Sept. 25, 1867.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Centre, (1st)	1777	A. C. Field,	June 28, 1866	June 28, 1866	10	29	39	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	20 00
Alstead, New (2d)	Nov. 20, 1788	S. H. Amsden,	June 12, 1856	S.S., Jan. 1, '67	29	48	77	18	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	60	35 00
Alstead, (3d)	Aug. 3, 1842	None,			4	21	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	20 00
Chesterfield,	1777	None,			5	23	28	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Fosdick,	June 22, 1864	S. S. 1866	8	13	21	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	47	138 54
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	45	110	155	14	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	2	6	289	400 00
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S. S. 1866	14	26	40	3	3	3	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	115 00
Harrisville,	1840	W. R. Cochran,	Licentiate.	Lic., May, '66	12	28	40	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	113	83 00
Hinsdale,	1821	J. S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	March 7, 1866	48	94	142	19	10	4	14	1	1	0	2	6	0	250	*280 00
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	May 15, 1812	Jan. 2, 1867	25	81	106	26	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	‡148	51 80
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C W. Allen,	Oct 6, 1833	S. S. 1863	16	46	62	14	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	1	0	100	59 00
Keene,	Oct. 18, 1738	Z. S. Barstow, / J. A. Leach,	July 1, 1818 / Feb. 26, 1864	July 1, 1818 / Aug. 16, 1866	74	181	355	43	26	13	39	8	7	2	17	19	13	691	2083 08
Marlborough,	Nov. 11, 1788	Giles Lyman,	June 11, 1832	S.S. Dec. 13, '40	35	72	107	25	0	3	3	6	4	0	10	0	0	175	206 55
Nelson,	1781	Joseph Marsh,	1828	S. S. 1867	38	58	96	22	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	5	150	76 78
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	49	127	176	11	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	1	6	224	500 00
Roxbury,	1816	None.			2	8	10	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	45	25 00
Stoddard,	Sept. 4, 1787	Sam'l L. Gerould,	Oct. 2, 1861	Oct. 2, 1861	16	51	67	9	17	1	18	3	1	0	4	14	0	176	134 73
Sullivan,	Oct. 17, 1792	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31, 1855	S. S. 1863	33	50	83	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	95	104 56
Surry,	Dec. 15, 1837	None.			1	12	13	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	21	
Swanzey,	1741	Thos. E. Roberts,	March 28, '61	S. S. 1864	16	43	59	9	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	156	82 26
Troy,	Sept. 1815	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S. S.	20	27	47	14	6	0	6	0	3	0	3	2	5	143	147 09
Walpole,	1761	G. H. DeBevoise,	July 26, 1865	July 26, 1865	17	78	95	14	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	2	2	100	728 55
Westmoreland,	1764	S. Bixby,	June 30, 1858	S. S. 1862	24	66	90	19	1	0	1	4	5	0	9	0	0	90	49 35
" Evang.,	1852	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S.	6	23	29	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	40 00
Winchester,	1736	None.			56	111	167	28	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	2	0	228	500 00
25 Churches,					603	1426	2029	357	82	36	118	43	44	2	89	50	41	3572	$5871 29

†Reorganized 1831. ‡From last year's report, none having been received this year. *Since Jan. 1, 1867.

WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson. Ordained, J. Hall, Chesterfield. Ordained June 5, 1833. Edwin Jennison, Winchester. Ordained Oct. 7, 1831.

SAMUEL L. GEROULD, *Statistical Secretary.*

2. COOS CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1799	None.			7	7	14	4											
Colebrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Hugh McLeod,*	June 27, 1855		16	35	51	8	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	2	75	41 50
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Henry Farrar,	Lic. July, '63		8	22	30	10	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	7 00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	F. W. Dickinson,		S. S.	2	20	22		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	
Franconia,	April, 1814	None.†			5	10	15	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	75	
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov. 1860	Sept. 27, 1865	36	86	122	18	3	1	4	3	2	0	6	1	0	150	§180 00
Littleton,	March 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	101	135	24	7	1	8	6	1	0	7	7	0	160	300 00
Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	W. J. Thomson,‡			7	20	27	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
8 Churches.					115	301	416	75	15	7	22	10	5	1	16	7	2	489	528 50

*Acting Pastor from Nov. 1, 1866. †Pulpit occupied temporarily by J. H. Shipman, Adventist. §This is only three fourths of fiscal year. ‡Of Princeton Theological Seminary, for three months.

The Church in Lancaster has expended upon their church edifice in repairs, $1,500. The Churches of Coos County are associated in Conference with those of Essex County, Vt. Bethlehem, Franconia, and Littleton, are in Northern part of Grafton County, though connected with this Conference. The Church in Gorham is connected with Churches in Maine. The annual session of the Coos and Essex County Conference will be held at West Stewartstown, on second Tuesday in June, 1868.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867				Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'rs.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	S. S. 1866	26	93	119	13	10	0	10	0	3	0	3	5	0	125	
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant.			1	6	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Silas Ketchum,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1866	17	51	68	8	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	75	120 00
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	30	74	104	18	6	7	13	0	2	0	2	3	2	175	315 98
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			5	16	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	35 50
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S. 1865	30	37	67	7	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	75	48 41
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			4	11	15	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	0 0
Enfield,	May 26, 1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S. 1866	12	31	43	8	7	2	9	0	2	0	2	5	0	45	22 00
Groton,	June 12, 1797	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S.S. h'lf T. '45	11	15	26	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	40 00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	103	147	250	118	7	3	10	3	22	0	25	4	5	125	712 31
" Centre,	May 16, 1810	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	S. S. 1861	25	57	82	24	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	84	59 68
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	J. D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858	57	130	157	36	21	7	28	6	3	0	9	11	1	125	452 15
Hebron,	June 12, 1779	Liba Conant,	See Groton.		9	27	36	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	33 05
Hill.	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	13	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Chas. A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	40	109	149	10	7	5	12	6	3	0	9	7	1	125	309 00
" West,	June, 1849	J. H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1864	52	91	143	17	12	4	16	2	3	0	5	8	1	257	671 84
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	106	216	322	59	42	3	45	4	4	0	8	34	0	145	307 00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Horace Pratt,	March, 1849	S. S. 1865	16	32	48	13	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	70	80 00
" West,	April 30, 1822	Ed. A. Lawrence,	1839	S. S. 1866	26	59	85	0	5	6	11	2	0	0	2	3	0	110	162 00
Piermont,	March 10, 1833	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	41	75	116	34	14	1	15	5	6	0	11	11	3	84	161 57
Plymouth,	June, 1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	31	97	128	34	7	3	10	2	3	0	5	5	0	150	295 75
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			3	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Jas. C. Seagrave,	Dec. 3, 1851	S. S. 1865	13	51	64	16	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	112	100 00
23 Churches.					665	1446	2111	431	148	45	193	42	63	0	105	104	16	2112	6623 24

Pastors 8. Stated supplies 9. Vacant 5. *Of this sum, $2100 were placed in the Pastor's hand, by a benevolent lady, for such distribution as he judged best.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838. C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 4, 1835. Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1814. Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov 2, 1834. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837. William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July, 1818. Henry E. Parker, Hanover, ordained March 13, 1849. Henry Fairbanks, Hanover, ordained Feb. 17, 1858. John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 23, 1835. Charles Greenwood, Plymouth, ordained 1850. Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover. licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836. Wm. A. Packard, Hanover, licentiate, 1857.

MINISTER DECEASED. C. F. Abbott, Bristol, deceased, Sept 20, 1866.

Bath has thoroughly repaired its House of worship and Wentworth is doing the same good work.

Campton, Haverhill, Lyme, Piermont, and Plymouth, report encouraging religious interest.

HENRY A. HAZEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Clar. Coll.
Place and Name	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22,	1741	J. G. Davis, D.D.	May 22,	1844 May 22, 1844	67	158	225	17	8	1	9	9	2	0	11	7	1	225	1016 97
Antrim, Pres.,		1788	Vacant.			50	111	161	0	3	0	3	9	1	0	10	0	0	147	
Bedford, Pres.,		1750	Arthur Little,	Mar. 16,	1863 Janu'y 3, 1866	69	134	203	25	4	1	5	3	7	0	10	4	2	340	273 58
Bennington,	July 10,	1839	C. B. Tracy,		1830 S. S.	18	35	53	8	12	1	13	3	2	0	5	7	0	75	113 15
Brookline,	Dec 10,	1795	J. H. Manning,	Mar. 6,	1867 March 6, 1867	26	41	67	18	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	7	0	100	* 21 93
Deering,	Dec. 24,	1789	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15,	1845 S. S.	8	29	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	
Francestown,		1773	A. Richards, D.D	Nov. 6,	1827 S. S.	94	184	278	53	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	405	820 00
Goffstown,		1801	Vacant.	Jan. 28,	1858 S. S.	46	113	159	38	0	7	7	2	4	0	6	0	1	210	176 61
Greenfield,†	May 28,	1867	Vacant.			28	60	88	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	75 00
Hancock,	Aug. 28,	1788	A Bigelow.	Mar. 12,	1828 May 15, 1850	55	98	153	24	4	2	6	0	7	0	7	2	3	252	354 94
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 20,	1839	S S. Morrill,	May 12,	1857 S. S.	16	48	64	10	0	1	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	80	30 00
Hillsboro' Centre,	Oct. 12,	1769	John Adams,	June,	1841 S. S.	16	35	51	10	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	16 00
Hollis,		1743	P. B. Day, D. D.,	Oct. 4,	1837 July 7, 1852	85	144	229	20	12	0	12	2	3	0	5	9	1	350	966 36
Hudson,	Sept. 9,	1841	Benjamin Howe,	Nov. 5,	1845 S. S.	16	42	58	10	0	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	19 50
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3,	1844	Vacant.			2	10	12	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Lyndboro',	Dec. 5,	1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30,	1846 Sept. 30, 1846	46	59	105	22	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	1	0	150	142 57
Manchester, 1st.,	May 28,	1828	C. W. Wallace, DD	Jan. 8,	1840 Jan. 8, 1840	138	341	479	88	8	20	28	2	11	0	13	2	7	568	‡2039 19
do Franklin st.	June 27,	1844	Wm. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24,	1867 Jan 24, 1867	67	232	299	106	3	6	9	3	13	2	18	2	0	457	§1187 34
do Chris. Miss.	Dec. 30,	1852	T. P. Sawin,	Apr. 19,	1843 S. S.	8	26	34	34										160	
do Pres.,	Nov. 9,	1859	Preaching	suspended.		5	15	20	20	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100	
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13,	1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27,	1839 Apr. 18, 1860	38	58	96	26	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	106	104 83
Mason Village,	June 3,	1847	Geo. F. Merriam.	Mar. 9,	1865 Mar. 9, 1865	37	72	109	15	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	105	126 75
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5,	1771	John A. Bates,	Mar. 16,	1853 S. S.	54	100	154	39	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	0	113	105 15
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21,	1829	D. Sawyer,	May 13,	1846 S. S.	10	24	34	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	15 15
Milford,	Nov. 19,	1788	Vacant.			79	190	269	18	7	7	14	3	7	1	11	4	1	403	1641 54
Mont Vernon,		1780	Vacant.			45	106	151	38	2	2	4	8	1	0	9	1	0	200	125 00
Nashua, 1st,		1685	E. C. Hooker,		1860 Sept. 14, 1865	80	365	445	72	9	13	22	8	19	0	27	0	0	448	2596 84
Nashua, Olive st.,	Dec. 31,	1834	Vacant.			67	174	241	52	1	0	1	4	4	0	8	0	2	158	454 42
Nashua, Pearl st.,	Sept. 3,	1840	Vacant.			63	158	221	40	6	4	10	2	7	4	13	3	5	300	1535 75
New Boston, Pres.,		1768	D. C. Frink,		Dec. 12, 1866	40	118	158	20	6	4	10	4	0	0	4	4	3	220	
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22,	1759	Vacant.			66	135	201	34	4	5	9	1	1	0	2	1	2	209	360 17
Pelham,	Nov. 13,	1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30,	1861 Oct. 30, 1861	23	44	67	5	0	2	2	5	1	0	6	0	0	150	850 22
Peterboro' Un. Ev,	Apr. 21,	1858	George Dustin,	Oct. 19,	1859 Oct. 19, 1859	46	91	137	3	5	7	12	3	2	0	5	4	1	175	363 22
Temple,	Oct. 2,	1771	Isaiah P. Smith,	Oct. 19,	1864 S. S.	60	83	143	2	20	2	22	1	2	0	3	18	0	185	276 34
Wilton, East,	May 10,	1823	Dan'l E. Adams,	Dec. 5,	1860 Dec. 5, 1860	34	76	110	0	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	6	0	167	248 17
30 Cong'l, 5 Pres.			15 Pastors.			11 S. S.														
						1602	3709	5311	896	128	90	218	90	117	10	217	78	30	6939	16116 62

[See under the Summary for remarks.]

5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			2	11	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Boscawen,	Sept. 8, 1740	M. L. Severance,	Feb. 17,	1864 Feb. 17, 1864	43	89	132	30	19	2	21	4	7	0	11	10	3	100	232 85
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			17	25	42	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Canterbury,	1760	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22,	1843 S. S.	27	58	85	24	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	2	110	40 59
Chichester,	1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8,	1851 S.S.Oct. 23,'64	31	43	74	24	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	106	56 50
Concord, East,	March 30, 1842	Vacant.			30	60	90	13	9	1	10	3	2	1	6	8	0	70	100 00
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	March 23,	1825 Mar 23, 1825	61	165	226	31	1	0	1	1	7	0	8	0	1	150	375 98
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			112	219	331	12	0	0	0	5	26	0	31	0	6	466	604 41
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	Vacant.			57	135	192	28	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	0	0	150	112 40
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17,	1860 Nov. 21, 1860	37	69	106	21	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	5	2	160	248 62
Epsom,	1761	George Smith,	Aug. 9,	1853 S.S. Nov.1,'65	32	48	80	10	3	6	9	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	40 00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 8,	1837 Sept. 16, 1863	39	68	107	10	0	6	6	2	1	0	3	0	1	236	426 25
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3,	1838 Sept. 4, 1849	43	93	136	42	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	180	438 33
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9,	1845 Feb. 26, 1851	39	104	143	36	1	2	3	4	9	3	16	0	1	166	507 62
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,		1857 S. S.	12	28	40	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	53 97
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	Vacant.			47	146	193	50	2	4	6	3	8	0	11	1	0	100	50 00
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1803	Vacant.			15	40	55	9	0	3	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	90	16 60
Northfield, Sa. Bridge,	July 18, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5,	1843 Oct. 5, 1843	45	119	164	50	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	1	150	200 00
Pembroke,	Oct. 27, 1809	Benj. Merrill,	June,	1864 S. S.	33	78	111	25	1	6	7	6	4	0	10	0	0	115	174 05
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	L. Z. Ferris,	Nov. 30,	1865 Nov. 30, 1865	46	84	130	31	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	1	190	200 40
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1777	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 14,	1859 March 4, 1866	25	58	83	8	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	3	68	120 00
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H.S. Huntington,	Jan. 31,	1866 Jan. 31, 1866	34	80	114	3	9	6	15	2	0	0	2	6	3	200	155 00
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1800	Edward Buxton,	April 10,	1836 Dec. 13, 1837	54	84	138	0	4	1	5	5	3	0	8	0	2	150	221 85
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1822	S. P. Stone, D.D.	May 26,	1831 S. S.	19	27	46	7	2	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	0	50	24 00
24 Churches.					950	1931	2831	537	65	41	106	53	94	4	151	34	29	3182	4308 82

WITHOUT CHARGE. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833. Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840. Samuel Utley, Concord. A. A. Baker, Fisherville. Mr. Fiske has supplied for the North and Centre Societies in Barnstead.

ISAAC WILLEY, Pembroke, *Sec'y N. H. Bible Society.*

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25,	1792	Jesse Page,	Sept.	1835	S.S. June, '42	26	68	94	20	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	0	88	172 00
Auburn,	Jan. 1,	1843	James Holmes,	June 22,	1842	Dec. 5, 1845	22	46	68	11	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	115	124 00
Brentwood,	Jan. 7,	1756	Nathaniel Lasell,		1835	S. S. 1866	17	55	72	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	80	20 00
Candia,		1779	Lauren Armsby,	May 27,	1848	S. S. 1866	76	127	203	28	10	4	14	6	0	0	6	5	0	217	383 86
Chester,	Oct. 20,	1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct.	1863	Same day.	76	130	206	44	13	0	13	0	1	0	1	2	1	139	422 22
Deerfield,	Jan.	1766	Jacob Chapman,	June,	1845	May 20, 1866	29	53	82	8	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	93 71
Derry, 1st,		1719	L. S. Parker,		1837	Feb. 20, 1861	48	147	195	38	2	0	2	6	1	0	7	1	0	575	289 40
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3,	1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4.	1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	97	127	22	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	74	237 18
Epping,	Dec.	1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6,	1844	S.S. Jun.16 '57	13	35	48	2	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	114	188 88
Exeter, 1st,	Aug.	1638	J. O. Barrows,	June 9,	1874	Dec. 5, 1866	43	116	159	46	3	6	9	3	10	0	13	3	0	130	1110 00
Exeter, 2d.		1813	J.W. Chickering,	Sept. 19,	1860	Sept. 6, 1865	33	91	124	36	2	4	6	2	4	0	6	0	6	176	971 75
Greenland,		1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25,	1852	Feb. 25, 1852	14	42	56	10	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	48	174 60
Hampstead,	June 3,	1752	Theo. C. Pratt,	June 21,	1859	Same day.	19	74	93	6	1	0	1	1	3	2	6	1	2	151	254 22
Hampton,		1638	John W. Dodge,	Dec. 6,	1860	Oct. 19, 1865	58	118	176	22	0	2	2	4	6	0	10	0	6	130	276 00
Kensington,	Oct. 8,	1859	E. D. Eldridge,	Apr. 4,	1838	June 30, 1864	8	38	46	5	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	105	52 00
Kingston,	Sept. 25,	1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14,	1855	Same day.	7	36	43	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	110	67 00
Londonderry, Pres.,		1735	Wm. House,	Oct. 7,	1857	Same day.	66	135	201	13	3	0	3	6	4	1	11	3	2	200	310 05
Newcastle,		1671	Lucius Alden,		1825	S. S. 1846	7	36	43	2	6	0	6	1	1	0	2	3	0	200	30 00
Newmarket,	May 7,	1838	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23,	1850	S.S. Jun.1, '65	16	37	53	15	1	1	2	1	4	0	5	1	0	129	453 00
North Hampton,	Oct. 31	1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1,	1861	S.S.M'y 1, '67	56	94	150	25	6	1	7	1	2	0	3	1	3	176	104 94
Northwood,	Nov. 29,	1798	E. C. Coggswell,	Nov. 3,	1842	S. S. 1865	38	60	107	12	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	51 31
Nottingham.		1840	None.				2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31 50
Plaistow,*	Nov. 4,	1739	Homer Barrows,	June,	1836	S. S. 1859	21	63	84	14	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	3	82	116 00
Portsmouth,		1671	Geo. M. Adams,	Sept. 18,	1851	June 3, 1863	86	264	350	79	6	4	10	5	4	0	9	3	7	225	1630 89
Raymond,		1791	Ed. D. Chapman,	Sept. 20,	1854	Dec. 6, 1866	56	81	137	20	3	5	8	4	6	0	10	1	3	137	108 97
Rye,	Nov. 3,	1730	None.				19	56	75	23	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	none.
Salem,	Jan. 10,	1739	Geo. W. Rogers,		1850	S. S. 1863	18	64	82	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	25 76
Seabrook, † Falls,		1836	Alb't B. Peabody	May 24,	1860	S. S. 1867	13	15	28	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	
South Newmarket,		1739	None.				10	23	33	6	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	58	75 60
Stratham,		1746	Lewis Goodrich,	June 1,	1850	S. S. Feb. '65	16	36	52	9	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	1	1	125	158 98
Windham, Pres.,		1442	None.				49	124	173	19	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	3	230	322 17
31 Churches. 29 Cong'l. 2 Pres.						Total	992	2373	3365	542	67	43	110	74	67	3	144	26	37	4022	8155 03

I have just received a line from Rev. Mr. Peabody, of Seabrook, stating that on the 9th of July, a Congregational church was organized in the south part of that town, composed of 17 members. These, added to 3365, make the total 3382, exactly the total of last year. Other ministers in the county, as nearly as I know, are: Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained Oct. 6, 1847, preaching in Newington, where there is no church; Rev. I. T. Otis ordained July 10, 1826, at Exeter, without charge; Rev. Joseph Garland, ordained 1847, at Hampton, without charge. Rev. Geo. W. Thompson, ordained April 29, 1840, at Stratham; Rev. Charles Dame, at Exeter; Rev. Thomas Jameson, ordained July, 1825, at Exeter; Rev. Loren Thayer, Pres., Windham, ordained Nov. 5, 1845. An excellent organ, built in Epping for the Congregational Church, has been finished, settled for and dedicated.

*Plaistow and North Haverhill †Seabrook and Hampton Falls.

J. H. STEARNS, *Statistical Secretary.*

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			5	20	25	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	J. L. Arms,		1846 S. S.	12	35	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	16 21
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Wm. O. Carr,‡	Feb. 13,	1861 S. S.	60	103	163	75	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	2	180	70 00
Centre Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Charles Willey.	Oct. 15,	1845 S. S.	19	33	52	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	70	114 20
Conway,	1778	Reuben Kimball.		1841 S. S.	26	66	92	18	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	2	140	158 80
Dover, 1st Church,	1638-9	A. S. Walker,	June 14,	1854 Nov. 16, 1864	69	235	304	53	2	4	6	7	4	0	11	2	1	258	892 27
Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	Ezra Haskell,		S. S.	13	53	66	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	125	109 00
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20,	1833 Nov. 20, 1833	15	52	67	13	4	0	4	4	1	0	5	0	0	60	288 53
Effingham,	May 18, 1836	Vacant.			5	20	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	R. M. Sargent,	April 27,	1852 March 27, '60	7	33	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	118	144 77
Gilmanton Centre,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	March 3,	1851 June 13, 1860	43	76	119	30	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0	70	89 61
Gilmant'n IronWorks,	Oct. 12, 1870	Jeremiah Blake,	Nov. 1,	1838 S. S.	22	44	66	20	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	35	54 00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			6	9	15	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Laconia,	June 26, 1826	Vacant.			44	128	172		1	3	7	3	5	0	8	1	2	99	235 67
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Chas. Burnham,	Nov. 7,	1851 Jan. 8, 1857	19	50	69	13	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	117 95
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,		1853 S. S.	19	57	76	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	110	26 00
Moultonborough,		Vacant.	May 12,	1777	12	18	30	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0		17 00
Ossipee,	Sept. 27, 1806	Vacant.			18	37	55	16	2	0	2	1	7	0	8	0	0	40	55 00
Rochester,	1737	Prescott Fay,		1856 S. S.	20	94	114	15	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	175	200 00
Rollinsford,	May 1, 1841	Thomas S. Robie,	Oct. 25,	1859 S. S.	20	74	94	5	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0		98 15
Sanbornton,	1772	M. T. Runnells,		1856 S. S.	42	89	131	15	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	1	123	249 82
Sandwich,	Dec. 8, 1824	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8,	1852 S. S.	9	27	36	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	75	47 85
" North,	June 27, 1832	" "		S. S.	15	22	37	6	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	4	0	70	26 95
Somersworth,	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden.		1841 Jan. 9, 1865	56	142	198	24	0	1	1	0	10	0	10	0	2	280	389 88
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1722	Sam'l H. Riddel,	June 27,	1827 Aug. 15, 1850	34	79	113	19	1	0	1	4	7	0	11	1	0	163	79 39
Tuftonborough,	May, 1839	Vacant.			3	4	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1785	Dan'l D. Tappan,	Nov. 19,	1829 S. S.	10	20	30	11	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	86 72
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,		1845 S. S.	18	43	61	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	102 69
North,	1839	Vacant.			5	14	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	5 50
					646	1678	2324	440	27	15	42	48	41	1	98	17	12	2624	3066 96

‡A. W. Fiske, North and Centre Barnstead.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Almon Benson, Centre Harbor. Samuel Kinsbury, Tamworth. John Wood, Agent American Tract Society, Wolfborough. Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield. Frank Haley, Wolfborough. John K. Young, D. D., Laconia, ordained Sept. 24, 1829.

CHARLES BURNHAM, *Statistical Scribe.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Col.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12,	1860 June 13, 1866	51	93	141	22	13	4	17	2	4		6	8	4	150	338 72
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20,	1848 S. S.	4	25	29	4		1	1	1			1			60	10 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1,	1850 Feb. 25, 1864	68	187	255	73	11	8	19	4	8		12	7	2	265	743 77
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20,	1840 S. S.	17	37	54	10	7	2	9	2	8		10	3	1	75	28 00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	15	25	5										25	
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	*W. H. Barrows,		S. S.	9	16	25	3											5 00
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Mosca Gerould,	May 22,	1828 S. S.	9	26	35	8	2	2	4	2			2			78	67 36
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	*W. H. Barrows,		S. S.	25	29	54	21				3	15		18			40	18 35
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			8	12	20	6					3		3				
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	F. P. Woodbury,	Apr. 18,	1866 Apr. 18, 1866	30	95	125	40	35	5	40	2	5		7	20	2	130	250 00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Vacant.			68	135	203	66		3	3	7	6		13		1	150	553 91
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			2	20	22	7										30	28 69
Washington,	May 20, 1780	E. B. Bassett,	May 25,	1857 S. S.	2	22	24	1				1			1			50	4 50
					303	712	1015	266	68	25	93	24	49		73	38	10	1053	$2068 21

* W. H. Barrows has, during the past year, preached one-third of the time at Goshen, and two-thirds of the time at Lempster. G. W. Martin, a student from Union Theological Seminary, has labored four months in Plainfield.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865.

LICENTIATES.—Cyrus S. Richards, L.L.D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850; Abel Wood, Meriden, licensed July, 1848.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conference.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
	Vac.	Tot	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	5	25	9	12	3	24	0	643	1426	2029	357	82	36	118	43	44	2	89	50	41	3572	5871 29
2. Coos,	3	8	2	3	0	5	0	115	301	416	75	15	7	22	10	4	1	15	7	2	439	528 50
3. Grafton,	5	23	8	9	12	29	2	665	1446	2111	431	148	45	193	42	63	9	105	104	16	2112	6623 24
4. Hillsborough,	6	25	17	11	9	37	0	1502	3709	5311	896	128	90	218	90	117	10	217	78	30	6939	16116 62
5. Merrimack,	7	24	11	6	3	20	0	900	1931	2831	537	65	41	106	56	94	4	154	34	29	3182	4398 82
6. Rockingham,	4	31	15	12	7	34	0	992	2373	3365	542	67	43	110	74	67	3	144	26	37	4022	8155 03
7. Strafford,	8	29	7	14	6	27	0	646	1678	2324	440	27	15	42	48	50	1	98	17	12	2684	3676 91
8. Sullivan,	4	13	3	6	2	11	2	303	712	1015	266	68	25	93	24	49	0	73	38	10	1053	2068 21
Total,	42	188	72	73	42	187	4	5826	13576	19402	3544	600	302	902	387	488	30	896	354	177	23943	47438 62

☞ Omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

*House of worship repaired at an expense of $416.
†The two churches united.
‡Paid debt of $5000.
§Paid debt $7000.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1802; Wm. Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1822; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1812.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, *Statistical Secretary.*

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Association.	Number of Members.	Scribes.	Times of Meeting.
Belknap,	10	Rev. C. Burnham, Meredith Village,	2d Tuesday before the Sabbath in January, 2d Tuesday of May and October.
Derry and Manchester,	22	Rev. L. Armsby, Candia,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Harmony,	6	Rev. T. v. Haines, Ossipee, Centre,	3d Tuesday of January, 2d Tuesday of May, 2d Tuesday of July and October.
Hollis,	19	Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua,	1st Tuesday of February, May, August and November.
Hopkinton,	15	Rev. M. L. Severance, Boscawen,	3d Tuesday of January, May, August and October.
Orange,	12	Rev. F. V. Benton, Newbury, Vt.,	Quarterly, omitting the one in August.
Monadnock,	24	Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Winchester,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October.
Piscataqua,	23	Rev. Geo. M. Adams, Portsmouth,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Sullivan,	9	Rev. C. A. Downs, Lebanon,	3d Tuesday of May, August and November.
Suncook,	8	Rev. Wm. C. Carr, Barnstead,	3d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.
Union,	9	Rev. Charles Cutler, Francestown,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.
White River,	7	Rev. J. H. Edwards, Acting Scribe, West Lebanon,	2d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES, FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATION.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin,	Presb'n Assembly,	New York,	Iowa,
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Mass. Conference, Meth. Conference,	Rhode Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine, Missouri, Minnesota,
Harmony,	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention,
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode Island, Iowa, Nebraska,	New York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon,	Vermont, Ohio, Indiana,
Hopkinton.	Rhode Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota,	Mass. Association, Iowa, California,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	New York, Illinois, Nebraska,
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada,		Mass. Assembly,
Monadnock,	New York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Michigan, Presb'n Assembly, Meth. Conference.	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Mass. Association, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut, California, Canada,
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention,	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presb'n Assembly,	Rhode Island,
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Mass. Conference, Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. T. M.,	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention,	Pres. Association, Kansas, Oregon,
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois,	New York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Mass. Conference,
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana,	Canada,	Meth. Conference,
Hanover,	Presb'n Assembly,	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin, F. W. B. Y. M.,
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Conference,	Michigan,

REMARKS.

I flatter myself that the statistics of the churches in New Hampshire have never been given with more fullness and accuracy than for the past year. The statistical tables may be regarded as quite reliable. The clerks of the several Conferences have taken great pains to secure accurate reports. Some of them complain of much remissness on the part of many ministers and clerks of churches in furnishing their statistics. Is this right? Our Statistical Tables are valuable only in proportion to their fullness and accuracy.

CHURCHES.—The number reported is 188; one less than last year. The two churches in Greenfield having united.

MEMBERS.—Whole number reported 19419. Males 5826; Females 13576, which is 37 less than last year.

The additions were, by profession, 600; by letter, 302; total 902, which is 17 more than last year.

The removals were, by death, 387: by dismission, 488; by excommunication, 30; which is 9 more than last year. The baptisms were 354 adults; 177 infants, which is 31 less than last year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The whole number reported in the Sabbath Schools is 23,943, which is 239 more than was reported last year.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.—The whole amount reported is $47,438.62, which is $1,693.82 more than was reported last year, and $2.94 to each member.

ABSENT MEMBERS.—The number reported is 3544, which is 186 less than last year; a diminution in the right way. Yet the number is altogether too large. I would call the attention of pastors and churches to the matter. Some churches have few of this class while other churches report more than one-third of their members as non-residents. It cannot be questioned that the reduction of this class of members, would be an advantage both to the churches and to the absentees.

In respect to infant baptism, are the ministers doing what they can to secure the reviving of the observance of this ordinance? Would not the more faithful observance of infant baptism greatly increase household religion, and thus be a rich blessing to our churches?

The deaths, dismissions, removals, ordinations and installation of ministers have not been fully reported to the Statistical Secretary. This is to be regretted. It is to be hoped that another year, the Clerks of the Conferences will give full and accurate information. Let us seek to make our Minutes a valuable, ecclesiastic record. Is it not worth all the pains, that it will cost to make the Minutes complete in every particular?

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

Fisherville, Oct. 8, 1867.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New Hampshire, with their Post Office address, and the number of the Conference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams, Darwin, Paper Mill Vill. 1.
Adams, George N., Portsmouth. 6.
Adams, John, Hillsboro' Centre. 4.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Amsden, S. H., New Alstead. 1.
Arms, Josiah L., Barrington. 7.
Armsby, L., Candia. 6.
Ayer, Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., North Hampton. 6.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D.D., Keene. 1.
Bates, John H., Antrim. 4.
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 4.
Baker, A. A., Fisherville. 5.
Bates, P., Cornish. 8.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Barrows, W. H., Lempster. 1.
Benson, Almon, Centre Harbor. 7.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4.
Bevoise, G. H. De., Walpole. 1.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4.
Bissell, Oscar, Roxbury. 1.
Bixby, S., Westmoreland. 1.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gil. Iron Works. 7.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Centre. 7.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3.
Blanchard, Silas M., Wentworth. 3.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D.D., Concord. 5.
Bowman, Geo. A., Pres., Manch'r. 4.
Bradford, Samuel C., Francestown. 4.
Brown, Samuel G., D.D., Hanover. 3.
Burnham, Amos W., D.D., Rindge. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
Case, Rufus, Greenfield. 4.
Catlin, B. R., Meriden. 8.
Chapman, Elias, So. Newmarket. 6.
Chickering, J. W. Jr., Exeter. 6.
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro. 4.
Claggett, Wm. Westmoreland. 1.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3.
Clark, Sumner, Wolfboro. 7.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell, E. C., Pres., Northwood. 6.
Cobb, L. H., Meriden. 8.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 3.
Condit, Uzal W., Salisbury. 5.
Corser, Enoch, Boscawen. 5.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Day, Pliny B., D.D., Hollis. 4.
Davis, Josiah G., D.D., Amherst. 4.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 3.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrer, H., Dalton. 2.
Fay, Prescott, Rochester. 7.
Ferrie, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5.
Field, A. C., New Alstead. 1.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Frink, B. M., Mt. Vernon. 4.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard 1.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 1.
Goodrich Lewis, Stratham. 6.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Greenwood, Charles, Plymouth. 3.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Centre. 7.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfboro. 7.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 3.

Hartshorn, V. J., Enfield. 5.
Hidden, Ephram N., Gt. Falls. 7.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holmes, Otis, Sandwich. 7.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
How, Benjamin, Hudson. 4.
House, Wm., Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Huntington, H. S., Warner. 5.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 1.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, Wm. R., Fisherville. 5.
Kellogg, Erasmus M., Manchester. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 7.
Lawrence, E. A., D.D., Orford. 3.
Leach, Keene.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 2.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Little, Levi, Bedford. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D.D., Hanover. 3.
Lyman, Giles, Marlboro'. 1.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marsh, Joseph, Bradford. 4.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 6.
Merriam, George F., Mason. 4.
Merrill, J. L., Acworth. 8.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 3.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore, Humphrey, D.D., Milford. 4.
Morrill, S. S., Hillsboro' Bridge. 4.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 2.
Park, H. G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benj. F., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 4.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6.
Pratt, Horace, Orfordville. 3.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 4.
Richards, Austin, D.D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddle, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3.
Runnells, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 7.
Savage, Wm. T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Seagrave, James, Wentworth. 4.
Severance, M. L., Boscawen. 5.
Smith, Asa D., D.D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Centre. 3.
Smith, George, Epsom. 5.
Spaulding, G., Temple. 4.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D.D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1.
Tappan, D. D., Wakefield. 7.
Tenny, Erdix, D.D., Lyme. 3.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, Joseph, Stratham. 6.
Tobey, Alvan, D.D., Durham. 7.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6.
Tracy, C. B., Bennington. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, C. W., D.D., Manchester. 4.
Willey, Charles, Centre Harbor. 7.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wilson, John G., Jaffrey. 1.
Williams, G., Temple. 4.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 7.
Young, John K., D.D., Laconia. 7.

SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY;

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN NASHUA,

AUGUST, 1867.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Society held its sixty-sixth annual meeting for the transaction of business in the vestry of the Olive Street Church, Nashua, Thursday, Aug. 29, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., LL.D., Hanover, *President.*
LYMAN D. STEVENS, Esq., Concord, *Vice President.*
Rev. WILLIAM CLARK, Amherst, *Serretary.*
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
S. G. LANE, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees Elected in 1867.

Rev. ALSON TOBEY, D. D., Durham.
Rev. J. K. YOUNG, D. D., Laconia.
HON. JOHN W. NOYES, Chester.

Trustees Elected in 1866.

Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
Rev. E. G. PARSONS, Derry.
Hon. MILAN HARRIS, Harrisville.

Trustees Elected in 1865.

Rev. JOHN W. RAY, Goffstown.
Rev. J. D. EMERSON, Haverhill.
GEORGE HUTCHINS, Esq., Concord.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees held in the vestry of the Pearl Street Church, Nashua, August 29, 1867, the following members of the Board were appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., Concord.
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord.
George Hutchins, Esq., Concord.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville.
Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-sixth annual meeting of the Society was held in the Pearl Street Church, Nashua, on Thursday, Aug. 29, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Manning, Brookline.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which having been audited, was accepted and adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, when Rev. Dr. Stone, of Concord, moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees, seconded by Rev. F. D. Ayer, of Milford, who made an address. Addresses were also made by Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Vt. Domestic Missionary Society, and H. Q. Butterfield, Professor in Lincoln College, Kansas.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the members and friends of the New Hampshire Missionary Society:

We now hold the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Society. Through the goodness of God, to promote whose Kingdom, and the salvation of souls, our fathers, of blessed memory, organized the Society, we report no death the past year of any one of our missionaries in commission, but we are pained to record the death of one of its trustees, that of HORACE WEBSTER, Esq., of Portsmouth, of recent occurrence. His was a character of rare excellence; gentlemanly, genial, judicious, earnest, benevolent, ready to every good work. His piety was active, constant, principled. Though pressed with large legal business, he always found time for domestic, social and public religious services. In the mental, moral and religious welfare of the rising generation, he took a deep interest. He loved the church universal, delighted in efforts for her prosperity. Contributing liberally of his own means for her advancement, he had much success in stimulating others to contribute to this object. He loved the great missionary enterprise, foreign and home. He was a wise, efficient large-hearted member of our Board of Trustees. Greatly will he be missed in our deliberations; greatly in the local church of which he was a member; greatly in the Rockingham Conference of Churches: greatly on the anniversaries of our New Hampshire Missionary Society. But we are comforted in the assurance that he is now with Christ, whom and his cause, he so much loved.

We regret, also, to be obliged to record the death of Rev. A. P. TENNEY, for nearly thirty-four years pastor of the church in West Concord, and for many years a devoted, faithful trustee of our Institution, who has finished his course within the year, now reported. Once a missionary of the Society, long a reliable, godly minister among us, who took large interest in all that relates to the kingdom of Christ, we feel it a duty we owe to ministerial worth, thus to place his name on our record.

As will appear from the "*Details and Results*," eleven missionaries have left the service of the Society within the year. Thirteen, one settled as pastor at Brookline, Rev. John H. Manning, including students from Theological Seminaries, have entered it under commission for the first time. We have employed forty-eight missionaries in forty-five fields, to whose support were appropriated

$5,444.50. Thirty-four of these were in the service during the whole year; fourteen for shorter periods. They performed 39 and three-fourths years of ministerial labor. Whole number of members reported in thirty-six churches, 1231, of whom 405 are males; 376 females. Average attendance on public worship in 37 churches and congregations, 3479. Hopeful conversions reported in 14 churches, 43; additions to 16 churches, 93; removals from 17 churches by death, 31; by dismission, 20; by exclusion, none; total 51; net gain, 44. Baptisms in 11 churches, Infant, 8; Adult, 37; total, 45. Sabbath School scholars in 38 schools, 2445. Contributed in 26 churches, to Home Missions, $518.77; to all other objects, $1193.03; total, $1551.80.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts during the year ending the 15th inst., from all sources, were $8,021.79. Of this amount, $824.65 were from legacies, leaving $7,197.14, viz: $6,899.10, donations, including $2,194.51, from the Female Cent Institution; $259.04 income of the Permanent Fund, including $84.33 from the Memorial Fund, and 839 from other sources. Of the receipts, $1,135.33, including a legacy of $25 were designated by the donors for the American Home Missionary Society, leaving $6,886.46, viz: $5,788.77, donations; $799.65, in legacies; and $298.04 from other sources, for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Sent directly to the Treasurer of the A. H. M. Society, N. Y., not passing through our treasury, $4,046.38, viz: $436.06 in donations, and $3,610.32 in legacies, making the whole contributed in the State during the year, for the A. H. M. Society, $5,181.71, and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions the past year, $12,068.17, which is $7,-996.32, less than was raised for the cause for the year next preceding; that year having large legacies for the A. H. M. S., viz: $11,000.12.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements the past year have been $7,637.96, of which $6,502.63 were for the cause in our own State. Balance in the treasury at the close of the year ending Aug. 15, 1866, was $3,-498.80. At the closing of accounts for the present year, it is $3,889.63. The receipts for this year, for expenditures in the State, exceeded the disbursements for our State operations, but $383.83. Receipts from Cent Societies in 1866, were $2,327.34; receipts from same source in 1867, including $84.55, income from "*Memorial Fund*," were $2,279.06, which were less by $48.77, than in 1866.

MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund, a daughter of the Cent Institution, first suggested only three years ago, has awakened a deep interest among the friends of the institution, as is evident from its rapid growth. In the first year of its existence, sixteen memberships were created by the payment for each of $10, making $160. Up to October 27, 1866, one hundred and twenty memberships had been constituted, enlarging the fund to $1,200. At the present time, 188 memberships are recorded, and the fund amounts to $1,884. It is invested in the bonds of our State, and of the United States, the interest of which goes to aid the funds of the New Hampshire Missionary Society. This Society assumes the responsibility of the care and investment of the assets of the Memorial Fund, as the Cent Institution is not an incorporated body.

As the Memorial Fund is a new institution, and enquiries are frequently made in regard to its nature and object, the trustees would again state that it was established in memory of the excellent, christian ladies who founded the New Hampshire Cent Institution, with the design, that their surviving relatives, daughters, grand-daughters, husbands, sons, brothers, and other connexions, should perpetuate the membership of the deceased members of the Cent Institution, by the payment of $10 to the fund. The annual interest of this, at six per cent. is a trifle more than a cent per week, through the year; what the deceased members were wont to give while living. Constituted in the way described, members of the Memorial Fund, though dead, still contribute the cent per week to the New Hampshire Cent Institution, and through that, to the New Hampshire Missionary Society. In this method, the noble founders, and the early members of the Institution *now* contribute, and will continue to contribute to the aid of Home Missions in our State, so long as the Memorial Fund shall be safely invested; which we trust will be so long as the New Hampshire Missionary Society shall exist; and that it will exist and continue to receive the smiles of the Master, so long as any Home Missionary work shall need to be done in our beloved State or nation. What, then, shall be done with the avails of the fund? We will let the Master decide.

It should here be stated that any, or all living members of Cent Societies, or any others, may constitute themselves, as well as their deceased relatives, members of the Memorial Fund. Many have already done so. May many more living friends of the Redeemer do the same.

Churches and Ministers.	Date of commission.	Months of commission.	Appropriations.	Mo's of labor perf'med.	Average congregations.	Hopeful conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab'th School Scholars.	Contributions.		
							Male.	Female.	Total.	By profession.	By letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other objects.	Total.
1 ALSTEAD, NEW.			$125 00		125		28	48	77		1			4		5				90		$35 00	$35 00
Rev. S. H. Amsden,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12	100 00	8	85		4	21	25											55		20 00	20 00
2 ALSTEAD, PAPER MILLS.																							
Rev. D. Adams,.....	April 1, 1866	12	67 50	12																			
3 ALTON.																							
Mr. Charles Palmer, ...	Aug. 1, 1866	1½		1½																			
Mr. C. A. Towle,.....	Mar. 25, 1867	1½		1½																			
Mr. L. H. Fray,.....	Aug. 1, 1867	1½																					
4 BENNINGTON.			100 00		100	2	18	35	53	12	1	13	3	2		5		6	6	75	46 03	67 12	113 15
Rev. C. B. Tracy,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12		12																			
5 BRADFORD.			50 00						40														
Rev. J. Marsh,.....	April 1, 1866	12		12																			
6 BROOKLINE.			100 00		100		25	41	66	1								1	1	65	20 00		20 00
Rev. J. H. Manning,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12		8																			
7 CANAAN.			60 00		120	4	5	14	19	4	1	5								40			
Mr. Robert Sloss,.....	May 1, 1867	4		4																			
8 CHATHAM.			62 50		99	1	14	24	38	1	2	3		3		3	1	1	2	90	7 00	18 00	25 00
Rev. E. B. Pike,.....	May 1, 1866	12		12																			
9 CHARLESTOWN.			200 00		70		4	25	29		1	1	1							60	20 00	5 00	25 00
Rev. H. H. Sanderson,....	Oct. 13, 1866	12		12																			
10 CENTRE HARBOR.			150 00			2	19	33	52					2		2				70	26 50	82 70	109 20
Rev. Charles Willey,.....	April, 1867	12		12																			
11 CONWAY.			125 00		142	7	27	66	93	6		6					2	4	6	140	76 75	110 97	196 72
Rev. R. Kimball,.....	Feb. 1, 1867	12		12																			
12 CROYDON.			67 50				7	15	22														
Mr. G. H. French,.....	Mar. 25, 1867	1¼		1¼																			
Mr. James B. Shatton,....	June 15, 1867	3		2																			
13 DALTON.			200 00		63		5	22	30	2	1	3	1			1				40	7 00		7 00
Rev. H. Farrar,.....	May 1, 1867	12		12																			

14	DANBURY.																														
	Rev. J. LeBosquet,.....	May 1,	1867	12	$150 00	12	100		30	37	67	3	3	5	2					2		75	20 00			
15	DEERING.																														
	Rev. M. Holman,.....	July 1,	1866	12	150 00	12	85	2	8	29	37											70				
16	DUBLIN.																														
	Rev. A. J. Fosdick,.....	May 1,	1867	12	125 00	12	45		0	13	23				2	1		3				47	68 52	83 14	151 66	
17	ENFIELD.																														
	Rev. O. I. Hartshorn,.....	May 20,	1867	12	200 00	12	60	1	12	30	32	7	2	9						6	6	50	5 00	28 00	33 00	
18	ENFIELD, EAST.				60 00		165															75				
	Mr. A. C. Campbell,.....	May 1,	1867	4		4																									
19	EPPING.																														
	Rev. J. A. Stearns,.....	June 1,	1867	12	250 00	12	100		13	35	48	2		2	1	3		4				114	41 34	147 04	188 38	
20	GORHAM.																														
	Rev. T. T. Merry,.....	May 1,	1866	12	200 00	5	100		2	20	22					1	1	2				40				
	Mr. B. P. Johnston,.....	May 1,	1867	4		4																									
21	GOSHEN.				50 00		70		10	19	20											45		4 55	4 55	
	Rev. Wm. H. Barrows....	July 1,	1866	12		12																									
22	GROTON.				75 00		90		11	15	26				2			2				65		46 00	46 00	
	Rev. L. Conant,.....	Mar. 1,	1866	12		12																									
23	HEBRON.				75 00		130		9	26	35											100	7 00	22 00	29 00	
	Rev. Liba Conant,.....	Mar. 1,	1867	12		12																									
24	HUDSON.				100 00		76		15	40	55	2	6	8					1	2	3	80	16 72	70 30	87 02	
	Rev. Benj. Howe,.....	April 22,	1866	12		12																									
25	HOOKSETT.				100 00		100		12	28	40		1	1					3		3	75	8 50	36 41	44 91	
	Rev. A. Burnham,.....	April 1,	1866	12		12																									
26	KENSINGTON.				187 00		125	1	8	38	46	2	3	5	2			2				105	10 00	50 00	60 00	
	Rev. E. D. Eldridge, ...	Jan. 1,	1867	12		12																									
27	MANCHESTER. (MISSION CHURCH.)				300 00		100							2								100				
	Rev. T. P. Sawin,.....	June 1,	1866	12		12																									
28	MEREDITH VILLAGE.				150 00		125	2	19	50	69	2	3	5	2			2	1		1	80	9 60	52 95	62 55	
	Rev. C. Burnham,.....	Dec. 1,	1866	12		12																									
29	MILTON MILLS.				150 00		50															73	18 93	16 00	34 93	
	Rev. C. F. Page,.....	Sept. 1,	1860	12		12																									
30	NEWINGTON.				200 00		125															60	21 00		21 00	
	Rev. Franklin Davis,.. ...	Jan. 1,	1867	12		12																									
31	NEW MARKET, SOUTH.				120 00		100	1	9	22	31		1	1	4	1		5			1	50	23 00	46 00	69 00	
	Rev. E. Chapman,.....	April 1,	1866	12		13																									
32	OSSIPEE CENTER.				100 00		75		19	37	56			2								40	8 80	37 08	45 88	
	Rev. T. T. Haines,.....	Dec. 16,	1865	12		12																									
33	PLAINFIELD.				60 00		60		2	13	15											35	13 60	30 00	43 60	
	Mr. Geo. W. Martin,.....	May 18,	1867	4		3																									
34	ROXBURY.				150 00				2	9	11																				
	Rev. O. Bissell,.....	June 1,	1866	12		12																									

Churches and Ministers.	Date of commission.	Months of commission.	Appropriations.	Mo's of labor perf'med.	Average congregations.	Hopeful conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab'th School Scholars.	Contributions.		
							Male.	Female.	Total.	By profession.	By letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adults.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other objects	Total.
35 SANDWICH.																							
Rev. O. Holmes,.....	June 15, 1866	12	$75 00	12	75		9	16	25											75			
36 SANDWICH, NORTH.																							
Rev. O. Holmes,.....	June 15, 1866	12	100 00	12	75	10	11	9	20	3	1	4	5	1		6		3	3	80	13 80	22 50	$36 30
37 SHELBURNE.																							
Rev. E. H. Titus,.....	May 1, 1867	4	60 00	4	30		3	11	14											11	9 56	6 00	15 56
38 SOUTH MERRIMACK.																							
Rev. D. Sawyer,.....	Sept. 1, 1866	8	120 00	8	119	6	16	51	67	17	1	18	3	1		4		14	14	81	25 30	109 43	134 73
39 STODDARD.																							
Rev. L. S. Gerould....	Sept. 1, 1866	12	100 00	12	75		10	31	41		2	2	1			1				34	22 00	79 00	101 00
40 WAKEFIELD.																							
Rev. D. D. Tappan,...	Dec. 1, 1866	12	150 00	12	100	3	2	22	24				1			1				50	6 00		6 00
41 WASHINGTON.																							
Rev. E. B. Bassett,....	May 20, 1866	12	150 00	12	60		17	22	39	2		2		6		6				50	6 00	18 00	24 00
42 WILMOT.																							
Rev. S. H. Amsden,...	April 25, 1866	12	100 00	8	135	1	23	46	69				1			1				80	41 82	65 78	107 60
43 WOLFBOROUGH.																							
Rev. S. Clark,.....	June 1, 1866	12	100 00	12	80		5	18	23											40			
44 WOLFBOROUGH, NORTH.																							
Mr. Albert Bowers,...	Mar. 25, 1867	2	30 00	2	80		5	13	18														
45 WEST STEWARTSTOWN.																							
Mr. D. D. Marsh,.....	Mar. 25, 1867	1½	100 00	1½	80		5	13	18														
Mr. W. J. Thomson,..	May 1, 1867	4		3																			

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead—New.*—Rev. S. H. Amsden, for several years missionary at Wilmot, commenced his labors here under favorable circumstances, among others, on an increase of salary, above what the church had given his predecessors.

2. *Alstead—Paper Mill.*—Rev. D. Adams, our missionary here for some eight years, left April 1st. Since then the church has had preaching but irregularly. It hopes to obtain a regular supply, and is making commendable effort for this. Several families in the place, not connected with the church, subscribe more liberally to sustain the ministry than ever before.

3. *Alton.*—Messrs. Charles M. Palmer, and C. A. Towle, of the Andover Seminary, passed, the former, his autumn vacation of six weeks; the latter, his spring vacation, of a like period, with this church. It has been supplied latterly more or less by students from the Seminary. Mr. Lucien H. Frarey, from Andover, will pass his summer vacation here. It has but little strength. Its prospects of enjoying the stated ministrations of the gospel are not encouraging.

4. *Bennington.*—No special change from the last year. Our missionary says: "It is a time of peace, but not such peace as we need. The church is praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit, hoping that His influences will soon be extended to us. This we greatly need."

5. *Bradford.*—Rev. J. Marsh, after serving this church faithfully three years, left in April, and is now stated supply at Nelson. The prospects of this church are discouraging. Deaths, emigration, and dissention among its few remaining members, have greatly weakened it. Its extinction seems inevitable. With its extinction will cease nearly all good moral influences in the town.

6. *Brookline.*—Rev. John H. Manning commenced laboring here January 1, under commission from our Society. Ordained over the church shortly after, with its unanimous, hearty action, his prospects of usefulness are very flattering. This church had for several years sustained its former pastor, Rev. T. P. Sawin, from their own resources; but unable to raise the salary necessary for the support of their present pastor, even with a tax on their rateable property, of nearly or quite two per cent., they have felt constrained to cast themselves again on our Missionary Society for aid.

7. *Canaan:*—Great changes for the better here. The church edifice had been closed for four or five years, and the prospect of its ever being opened again for continuous worship, was very dark. The secretary had made repeated visits, preached to the little flock,

urged them to effort to regain the blessings of a stated ministry, assuring them of the sympathy and aid of our Missionary Society. About the first of May, he commissioned Mr. ROBERT SLOSS, of the middle class in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., to labor at Canaan, during his summer vacation of four months. He was timely on the ground, and is serving the people, greatly to their acceptance, and with marked tokens of the divine blessing. He preaches to an audience of 120, has a Sabbath School of about 40, sustains a regular weekly prayer meeting of much interest, and visits largely from house to house. Precious fruits are already seen. Several hopeful conversions. Four were admitted to the church by profession, one by letter, on the last Sabbath in June, in the presence of the Secretary, who administered the Lord's Supper; a privilege the church had not before enjoyed for several years,—an occasion of great interest, not only to the church, but to the congregation, who witnessed the scene with fixed, solemn attention. Thirty dollars have been raised and invested in a Sabbath School library. The little church, and those associated with them, in the support of preaching at the present time, are making most commendable efforts to secure the permanent ministrations of the gospel. May their endeavors be successful.

8. *Chatham.*—Our faithful, laborious missionary here for four years, Rev. E. B. Pike, felt it his duty to leave in May. This he did, much to the regret of the church and people. His labors had been greatly blessed to the moral and religious interests of the town. He states that, "if they had the right kind of minister, their prospects were never better There is a very good working force to sustain Sabbath Schools, and social religious meetings, but they need a leader. There is an evident increase of interest among the young men, in attending and supporting public worship. They need a minister. If any people deserve help, I am confident they do, for they are willing to help themselves."

9. *Charlestown.*—Congregation diminished since last report, by numerous removals from the town. The little church not discouraged, "still keeps hoping and laboring on." Congregation interested in the preaching, but no conversions reported.

10. *Center Harbor.*—Our missionary, Rev. C. Willey, labors in faith and patience, but under discouragements. It is a hard field. His average audience through the year has been 72 1-4, varying from 30 to 155. The congregation gives interested attention to preaching. Prayer meetings, in the fall and winter, were well attended and solemn. Hope is cherished of the conversion of some. The pastor gives his people excellent example of benevolence. Of the $109.20, contributed to the objects of christian benevolence the past year, he gave nearly one-half of it. He asks, "have I done wrong to include it with the people's gifts?"

11. *Conway.*—Rev. R. Kimball, still continues our laborious, earnest missionary here. He divides each Sabbath between the

"North" and the "South," four miles apart. Conway is in a very destitute section of the State. Mr. K. says, "eleven years ago I found Conway destitute of preaching by any denomination. Sabbath Schools were small, and met only in summer. A similar state of things existed in Bartlett, Jackson, Madison and Albany, (towns in the vicinity of Conway,) except preaching occasionally in school houses, and remained so until recently. Now they have stated preaching in Jackson and a flourishing Sabbath School of the Free Will Baptist order. Bartlett has stated preaching at one school house by a Methodist, and a Sabbath School in another district. Madison has had preaching occasionally, and a Sabbath School in summer, but had been very destitute of both, when last heard from. The case of Albany is much the same as Madison. No house of worship, except school houses, and but little preaching or Sabbath School instruction. Bartlett had preaching at their Methodist church last year. None this year. During nine of the eleven years I have supplied two congregations in Conway, and for the first five or six had charge of two Sabbath Schools. Now one of these schools is in charge of the Methodists; the other in our church, is conducted without me, and is very interesting. Besides this, our church go out and assist in three Mission Schools. Also, our young members at the "North," hold a Sabbath evening Bible class; very interesting, popular and promising. We think our stability and patient labors in the church and Sabbath Schools, exert a steady, salutary influence on other societies. We now have a Calvinistic Baptist meeting at the "North," and a Methodist at the "South." The above report is instructive and full of interest.

12. *Croydon.*—Another instance of the good results of short missions by students from our Theological Seminaries. Such missions have been performed here for the three years last past. Within the year now reported, Messrs. George W. Andrews, and George H. French, of the Andover Seminary, performed, each, six weeks missionary service here. Mr. James B. Stratton, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, is now performing a mission of three months in Croydon. The labors of these Seminary students, as also those of their predecessors have resuscitated an almost extinct church, awakened a strong desire for permanent preaching, and stimulated to liberality in support of the ministrations of the gospel. There is hope the church may still live, and shed its former benign influence over the town.

13. *Dalton.*—Rev. H. Farrar commenced his labors here in May, 1866, and has worked faithfully in and out of the pulpit, with great success, in drawing people to the sanctuary, and children and youth to the Sabbath School. The church has been much diminished by deaths and removals. Most of what is paid for the support of preaching in the town, comes from those not connected with the church, or the organized society. Several, not thus connected, pay commendably for this object. Dalton is an important missionary field.

14. *Danbury.*—Ratable polls in the Society 21; families belonging to the same, 20; their valuation on the assessor's books, $21,554, of which $18,186 belong to the church. Persons not connected with the Society, pay only $41. The Society has a productive fund of $1,050. Temperance Society formed. Some religious interest. The Society is enjoying general prosperity; are paying a debt on the parsonage, and repairing their church edifice.

15. *Deering.*—No special change here since last report. Average congregation, 85; Sabbath School, 70. No ardent spirit sold in town. Church small, consisting of 8 males and 29 females. Our missionary labors steadfastly in faith and hope.

16. *Dublin.*—Most of the families in the town belong to the Unitarian Society, which embraces most of the wealth of the town. Three families have joined the orthodox Society the past year, and worship with it on the Sabbath. Within a few years, the little church and Society have raised a fund for the support of the gospel, of $5,000. They have added 25 per cent., the past year, to the minister's salary, thus securing a like increased per cent. on the appropriations from our Missionary Society; and thus increasng the salary from $500 to $625. The missionary states "there s a good deal of seriousness in the congregation. We hope to see souls converted soon."

17. *Enfield.*—The little church here struggles hard to support the gospel. One of its most efficient members, Hubbard Harris, Esq., has died within the year. He was the principal agent in securing Congregational preaching in the thriving village in the north part of the town, and was, to the last, a firm, generous supporter of the ministry. His loss will be deeply felt. The Church and Society, which worship in a hall, are anxious to erect a meeting-house, and hope, with aid from abroad, to do so at no distant day. There has been cheering religious interest in the congregation, the past year, the fruits of which are nine additions to the church; seven by profession.

18. *East Enfield.*—No Congregational Church in this part of the town. Several members of the church in Enfield, however, reside at the "East." This is some six miles from the "North." In the "East" are numerous valuable families in sympathy with the faith and order of the Puritans. In former years, they have had preaching, more or less, by our missionaries stationed at the "North." At their request, a student, Mr. A. C. Campbell, in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., was sent there about the middle of May, who will remain with them till September. The Secretary recently passed a part of a Sabbath here, and was greatly delighted to find the deep interest of the people in their preacher. This appeared not only from verbal testimony, but from the attendance on his ministrations. The average congregation is 165; Sabbath School, 75. Mr. Campbell passes most of the afternoons in visiting from house to house, and thus has awakened in the hearts of the people great interest in him.

19. *Epping.*—Condition of Church and Society much the same as last year. At the date of the missionary's report, two were propounded for admission to the church. Harmony prevails. A valuable organ has been put into the church edifice, and paid for. Pastor's salary increased $150, of which $100 by the church and people, and $50 by our Missionary Society.

20. *Gorham.*—Rev. T. T. Merry, missionary here for eighteen months, left in October, and is settled in Norway, Me. Rev. B. P. Johnson, graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, began his labors with the church in May, to be continued four months; when a graduate of Bangor Seminary, to whom a call to settle has been given, is expected to take charge of the church. None of our missionary churches has a more important location than this. It must be sustained, till it becomes self-supporting.

21. *Goshen.*—Rev. William H. Barrows preached here one-third of the time, for two years past. He has closed his labors with the church, which, it is feared, will not soon again have preaching of its own order. The few remaining members, it is understood, will unite with the Baptists for the present, in public worship.

22. *Groton.*—Two members of this church have died within the year; one, a venerable mother in Israel, Mrs. Phelps, 94 years of age, distinguished for her intelligent, consistent piety, and her long continued alms-deeds. Rev. Mr. Conant divides his labors equally between this church and Hebron.

23. *Hebron.*—The senior deacon of this church, William Crosby, has died within the year, aged 83 years. Our missionary to this and to the Groton church. Rev. L. Conant reports, "while your missionary's heart is pained in view of the sad breach which the death of the dear departed followers of Jesus has made, who, while they lived, were like Aaron and Hur, to sustain, to the extent of their ability, the institutions of the gospel, and gave much alms to the afflicted, he must say, that still there is a very general attendance on the means of grace, both in the sanctuary, and our social meetings. Through your kind benefactions the gospel is published, and along these valleys, and among these hills, the voice of prayer is heard."

24. *Hudson.*—Rev. B. Howe closed his services here in April, after a year's faithful effort to incite the church and people to proper endeavor to sustain the preaching of the gospel, but in vain. They place a very small value on the institutions of the gospel, judging from the little effort they make to sustain them. Mr. Howe is invited to become stated supply to the church in Lempster, which has solicited aid from our Missionary Society in his support.

25. *Hooksett.*—This church has not renewed application for missionary aid for the year commencing April 1st. Mr. Burnham thinks they will endeavor to sustain the gospel hereafter, themselves. It is hoped they will do so, for with the assistance they can have from those who worship with them, they are able. Mr.

Burnham's labors have been very acceptable to the people, and have done much to strengthen them as a religious society.

26. *Kensington.*—In much affliction from personal sickness, and in his family, our missionary has labored faithfully and earnestly, as his strength would permit. His people are very kind toward him, requesting him not to preach when he feels unable; but still they maintain public services on the Sabbath, when he cannot preach. They have showed their interest in, and sympathy for him, by raising his salary twenty-five per cent., and thus securing a like per cent. on the appropriation from our Society, making his salary $625,00. A son of his enters Amherst College this year, with a view to the ministry.

27. *Manchester Christian Mission Church.*—Rev. T. P. Sawin, our missionary, writes: "Our whole work is as yet to be regarded as a branch of the two Congregational Churches in this city. Seven conversions that have occurred among us, will be counted in their Statistical Reports. Our church, so far as all practical working is concerned, is virtually defunct, and has been ever since 1860. Not more than three can be reckoned as members of the congregation. We really have no church." In a city of twenty-five thousand souls, most of whom enter not the sanctuary, a mission like this seems indispensable.

28. *Meredith Village.*—Mr. Burnham writes "there is external prosperity and general harmony in the church" and society. We need, and apparently only need, a rich outpouring of the Spirit to be in a healthy condition. Our church has been repaired to the amount of $200 or $300 the past year, and a beautiful organ has been put up at an expense of $1300. This is, and will be, a help, it bringing some to meeting that would not otherwise attend.

29. *Milton Mills.*—This is a new missionary field. No Congregational Church exists here, but several members of Congregational Churches reside in the village and vicinity, who desire preaching of their own order. A Calvinistic Baptist Church, too much reduced to maintain the ordinances of the gospel, have offered the Congregationalists the gratuitous use of their house of worship, and united with them in support of Congregational preaching. Indeed, it is by the earnest request of members of the Baptist Church, unable to have a minister of their own denomination, that the trustees commissioned Rev. C. F. Page to go to Milton Mills. He commenced his work there September 1st. He writes, "In the midst of a good deal of commotion and party strife, I have been enabled quietly to hold on my way, preaching the word and visiting from house to house. I have held three regular services on the Sabbath, kept up a weekly prayer meeting and a Bible Class."

30. *Newington.*—No church of any name in this town. The missionary reports, an average congregation of 125, and a Sabbath School of 60. He says, "Our people have recently erected a nice horse shed, of fifteen stalls, at an expense of about $375,00. One

of these they have generously given for the use of the minister's horse. I shall hereafter expect an increased attendance on stormy Sabbaths." Within a year or two, important repairs have been made on the church edifice. Externally, things look favorably here. But the converting influences of the Holy Spirit are greatly needed to give saving efficacy to truth."

31. *New Market, South.*—Rev. E. Chapman closed his labors here April 1st, and has removed his family to North Reading, Mass. The Church is very feeble; its weakness, owing in part to disunion, and an undervaluing of the public means of grace. Still, Mr. Chapman thinks they will not abandon all effort to regain these means.

32. *Ossipee Centre.*—Rev. T. V. Haines, our missionary here some four years, left in April and has been stated supply to the church in North Hampton. No successor to him at Ossipee yet. The little Church there are making earnest efforts for the re-settlement of the ministry. They hope to secure a young man from the recently graduated class at Bangor. This Church, sound in the faith, earnest, prayerful, will not rest till they are again blessed with the regular, constant ministrations of the gospel.

33. *Plainfield.*—Two years ago this Church had the services of an Andover Seminary student during his vacation of two months. Having had no regular preaching during 1866, they felt, at the commencement of 1867 that they could endure this destitution no longer, and applied to your Secretary for the services of a student of some Theological Seminary for the term of three or four months. He was successful in obtaining those of Mr. George W. Martin, of the Union Seminary in New York, who commenced his work here May 18. It would appear from his report, that God is already smiling on his labors. "We could not expect better progress in our work here in the limited time I have been on the ground. We had an audience of over one hundred yesterday, the largest yet. Still they come. May they come to Jesus. Kindness on every hand. Men and women are thinking of Jesus. I see it. I hear it. This Church must not be closed again."

34. *Roxbury.*—Rev. Mr. Bissell closed his labors here in April, and has become stated supply at West Townsend, Vt. The church has become very feeble, reduced to two males and nine females. Apparently it must soon become extinct.

35. *Sandwich.*—Writes Mr. Holmes, "Although we have had no season of general interest, yet the ten cases of hopeful conversion mentioned, give joy and vigor along the way of discouragement, while meeting so many who seem to find no form or comeliness in Christ. One of our former members is now in Dartmouth Church and College, on his way to the Christian ministry." Mr. Holmes divides his labors between Sandwich and

36. *Sandwich, North.*

37. *Shelburne.*—Rev. Eugene H. Titus, recently Pastor of the

Dane Street Church, Beverly, Mass., who was obliged to close his labors there in consequence of ill health, and who felt it might be restored under the influence of our White Mountain air, desired a mission to some destitute church in the vicinity of our mountains. Your Secretary introduced him to the little church in Shelburne, where he commenced work May 12, and finds much to encourage him both in improved health, the kindness of the people, and in their attendance on public worship. Under date of July 22, he states, "I preached my first sermon here May 12. My congregation has been on the increase gradually since. It now averages about seventy or eighty. I have visited a good many of the people. This is most certainly a missionary field; yet encouraging in many respects. Those who do love Christ seem to be hoping for and expecting a better state of things." Previously to Mr. Titus's going to Shelburne, there had been no regular preaching of any denomination in the town for many years. It is to be hoped that, under God, he may incite the people to determination and effort, to secure permanent preaching.

38. *South Merrimack.*—At our last anniversary Mr. William H. Pearson, of the middle class, Princeton Seminary, N. J., was serving this church. When he left about the first of September, a committee of the Church and Society requested that Rev. Daniel Sawyer, who had formerly ministered to them, and who resided in the place, might be commissioned to serve out the year. Their request was granted. He did so, when the Methodists took the ground, and the meeting house, in which it is understood they still maintain public worship. To all human view, the Congregational Church in South Merrimack will soon cease to be. This is sad, after its having been aided by our Missionary Society in support of the ministry, more than thirty years.

39. *Stoddard.*—Great prosperity has attended the labors of Mr. Gerould here. When he came to the place, some six or seven years ago, there was no male member belonging to the Church in the town. Now there are sixteen, and fifty-one females. Then, there was but one family altar known to exist in the place. Now there are ten or twelve. Then, but few attended public worship. Now, or from May 1, 1866, to May 1, 1867, the audience has averaged 119. Within the year reported, eighteen have been added to the church, of whom seventeen by profession. Six hopeful conversions reported the past year. Fourteen adult baptisms. Whole number of Sabbath Scholars one hundred and seventy-six; average for the year, eighty-one. Contributions to benevolent Christian objects the last year, $134,73. It is believed this Church will ask for no further aid from our Missionary Soceity in supporting their pastor.

40. *Wakefield.*—Rev. D. D. Tappan continues his mission here under many discouragements, but these do not seem to dampen his spirits, or lessen his efforts for the good of the people. He is in-

stant in season and out of season, almost daily visiting from house to house, praying in families and conversing with individuals on their relations to God and eternity. He preaches, lectures weekly or oftener, in school or private houses, in different parts of the town. All this in addition to preaching generally three times on the Sabbath. He has greatly commended himself to the respect, confidence and affection of the people.

41. *Washington.*—Encouraging progress is being made in this Church and Society, long greatly depressed. The Church has been revived. Three hopeful conversions reported. Three were propounded for admission to the Church on the first Sabbath in July. Important repairs have been made on the meeting house. The minister and people are taking courage.

42. *Wilmot.*—Rev. S. H. Amsden closed his mission here January 1, and has become stated supply at New Alstead. Since his departure, Rev. Dr. Stone, our Treasurer, has supplied the Church. As he can be with them only on the Sabbath, he would gladly introduce to them a permanent supply, who should reside in the place. As yet, he has not been able to do this. He reports the Church not in a healthy condition.

43. *Wolfborough.*—Our missionary writes "Religious services both public and social, have been well attended, and the Sabbath School is sustained with interest. Our house of worship has been painted, and improved in other respects. We greatly need a special visitation of the Spirit."

44. *Wolfborough, North.*—Mr. Albert Bowers, of the Andover Seminary, passed his spring vacation here, to the great acceptance of the people. His earnest, faithful services, and his gentlemanly, Christian visitation of the people extensively, induced them in large numbers to attend public worship. They greatly regretted his leaving them, but they are cheered with the expectation he will pass the summer vacation with them, for which he has been commissioned. In North Wolfborough are many valuable families, possessed of property sufficient to sustain, without foreign aid, the nstitutions of the gospel. It is hoped they may be disposed soon to do this.

45. *West Stewartstown.*—Mr. S. L. R. Trask, of Princeton Theological Seminary, was laboring with this Church at our last anniversary. His services were greatly prized by the people, and awakened in them a desire for continuance of missionary service. Mr. D. D. Marsh, of the Andover Seminary, performed six weeks of labor here in his spring vacation; as much to the acceptance of the community, perhaps, as did his predecessor; and at this time, Mr. William J. Thompson from Princeton Seminary is laboring among the people in Stewartstown, and the several towns adjoining in Vermont and Canada East. He will continue through August. He writes, June 6th, "I have preached twice each Sabbath to moderate sized audiences; I have spent most of my after-

noons visiting, praying, reading the Bible and talking about personal religion. I think there exists some little seriousness. The prayer meeting on Wednesday evening improves. We have one also on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, which is well attended by the unconverted. The most apparent success is in the Sabbath School, which is large and thoroughly systematized. I would like some tracts very much." Through the kindness of Deacon E. Lamson, of the Park Street Church, Boston, who, years ago, sustained six missionaries six weeks each, at his own charges, among our destitutions in the northern parts of the State, a parcel of religious tracts and Sabbath School books has been sent to Mr. Thomson.

SHORT MISSIONS.

As in two or three former years, the trustees have commissioned students from various Theological Seminaries, to pass their vacations in missionary service among our destitute, feeble churches, which, otherwise, would have little or no preaching. From the Seminary at Princeton, N. J., they commissioned Mr. William J. Thomson, to labor four months from May 1, to August 1, at West Stewartstown and vicinity, including Canaan, Vt., and Hereford, Canada East; Mr. B. P. Johnson, at Gorham; Mr. Robert Sloss, at Canaan, and Mr. A. C. Campbell, at East Enfield, during the same four months. From the Seminary at Andover, Mass., they commissioned Mr. D. D. Marsh to serve six weeks, from March 16 to May 1st, at West Stewartstown, and vicinity; Mr. Albert Bowers, at North Wolfborough; Mr. C. A. Towle, at Alton; Mr. Geo. H. French, at Croydon, during their spring vacation of six weeks, and Mr. George W. Martin, from the Union Theological Seminary of New York, for four months from June 1st, at Plainfield.

At the special request of the people at North Wolfboro,' they have re-commissioned Mr. Albert Bowers to pass his fall vacation there, and by the request of the church at Alton, they have commissioned Mr. Lucien H. Frary, of the Seminary at Andover, to spend the same vacation in missionary service in that town. In most instances, the trustees require churches that receive the services of these Seminary students, to board them, and pay them fifteen dollars per month; the trustees paying them a like sum; making their compensation $30 per month, and board. In some cases, the churches pay the entire expenses of the services of the missionary; in others, more than one-half in addition to board. In one instance, the church enjoying the labors of a missionary six weeks, paid only his board and traveling expenses, the trustees paying him for his labors.

Numerous are the advantages of these brief missions, both to the young men who perform them, and to the churches and communities enjoying their services. They afford the young ministers

some small pecuniary aid, an important consideration to those struggling with debt for their education. Again, they introduce them to the work to which they have devoted their lives. A very important introduction; for, mingling with the people in the common walks of life, they learn their views and feelings; their likes and dislikes. They see human nature as it is, and this enables them to write better, and more practical sermons than is possible while separated from the world in the retirement of the Theological Seminary. In this way, they acquire a self-confidence and a practical knewledge of men, they could secure by no other means, and when they leave the Seminary, and offer themselves to the churches as teachers and pastors, they are much better prepared for their great and arduous work, than they otherwise could be.

Great advantages result to the churches and the people, from these student missionaries. Many of them possess high order of talent, as is evident from the fact, that they are often invited to the pastorate of large city and town churches; not unfrequently, even before they have fully completed their Theological Course. They are ardent, zealous, hopeful and energetic. These traits of character they exhibit in the pulpit, and in their intercourse, social and religious, with the people. They establish prayer meetings, organize Sabbath Schools, distribute religious tracts and books. Looking to God, in constant, devout supplication for his guidance and blessing, they go to work with christian earnestness and expectation of success. While they do not always fully realize their hopes, they find their labors are not in vain, in the Lord. Hitherto neglecters of the sanctuary, are induced to enter it, sit with fixed attention to the preaching of the Word, and not unfrequently receive it into "good and honest hearts," where it brings forth many fold, to the praise and glory of the Redeemer. Christians that have become remiss in duty, and plunged in worldly cares, are quickened; resort to the prayer meetings, and engage in earnest, in the Sabbath Schools, and are ready to every good work. These missionary labors keep the decaying churches alive, often greatly strengthen them, and inspire them with determination to enjoy, as much as they can, the regular ministrations of the gospel. It is worthy of note, that in no instance where a student from our Theological Seminaries has labored among our destitute, feeble churches, that a desire has not been created for repetition of such labor, and this not alone among members of such churches, but among the people living in the vicinity. The strength of this desire is evinced by their readiness to contribute more liberally to the support of the missionary. We may indulge the hope that, with the blessing of God on these short missions, some of our destitute, feeble churches will, ere long, enjoy the blessings of a permanent ministry.

RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

We can report no great results of our Home Missionary Enterprise the past over those of previous years. Our missionaries appear to have labored faithfully and earnestly, in season and out of season, preaching the Word; encouraging Sabbath Schools; sustaining regular weekly prayer-meetings; visiting from house to house; lecturing in the outskirts of their parishes; looking after the moral and spiritual interests of children and youth, In some instances they have, in person, searched out and supplied the destitute throughout their towns or parishes with the Bible; and have induced more or less of their parishioners to subscribe to religious newspapers and periodicals. This varied missionary labor has not been in vain. In various ways, it has directed the minds of multitudes to God and to their spiritual and eternal interests. No special revivals of religion are reported, as having occurred during the year, but as the fruits of former revivals, considerable additions have been made to the churches in Stoddard, North Sandwich, Enfield, Canaan Bennington and Conway. We regret to state but very few—eight infant baptisms are reported. This is owing, in part, to the fact that in many of our feeble churches there are very few young children; but, perhaps, more to the painful fact, that, in most of our churches, large as well as small, this, (as we believe) divine ordinance has fallen into fearful neglect. We are pained, also, at the diminished contributions to benevolent Christian objects in too many of the churches on our list. Several report nothing to our N. H. Missionary Society; to which they look for aid in support of their ministers. Too many report no contributions to any benevolent object. This is verily wrong; wrong to Christ and his cause; wrong to themselves. No feeble church that allows years to pass with contributing little or nothing to the great objects of Christian benevolence, is likely ever to become strong, or to exert much influence for good on the community around them. Every church that solicits aid from our missionary funds, in support of their minister, should understand, that they are expected to contribute to those funds, as they may be able. Any church that feels itself too poor to do this, and neglects to give, will become poorer; poorer, not in Christian character and influence merely, but probably poorer pecuniarily. They take a direct course to perpetuate their weakness and their dependence on our Missionary Society.

In some of the towns, where our mission churches are located, the temperance cause is prosperous. In more, intemperance is prevalent. Intoxicating drinks are sold in defiance of law. In most, Sabbath breaking and profanity are fearfully common. The Sabbath is losing its hold on the masses, as an institution of God. If not employed in usual, secular business, it is in social visiting, or as a holiday. The acknowledgment, the reverential fear of God, worshiping Him in public, and, we fear, in the family, and in pri-

vate, too, seem to be dying out of the thoughts and the practice of the multitudes. How this downward tendency can be arrested, and the people generally be brought to keep God's Sabbath, and reverence His sanctuary, is the great moral question of the age.

Two young men, members of our mission churches, one the son of one our missionaries, are in College preparing for the ministry.

Repairs have been made the last year, or are now being made on meeting houses or horse sheds connected with them, in Stoddard, New Alstead, Meredith Village, Wolfborough, Washington, Newington and Danbury.

OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR SUPPORT.

Our missionaries, as a whole, are earnest, faithful, devoted, self-denying men, wholly given to their appropriate work. They love the Master and His kingdom, and desire, above all things, that he may be glorified in the conversion and salvation of souls. For this they pray, study, preach and toil. They spread themselves over the territories committed to their care; preaching lectures on week days; holding prayer meetings and religious conferences in out districts: visiting from house to house, endeavoring to impart Christian comfort to the aged; counsel to the young; consolation to the afflicted; admonition to those that are out of the way. To be good ministers of Jesus Christ is their aim.

But, while thus devoting themselves to their great work, they have been, and most still are, very inadequately supported. With a view to secure them better maintenance, the Missionary Society, at its last anniversary, voted "That in consequence of the relative value of money at the present time, we recommend to the trustees to consider the propriety of somewhat enlarging the appropriations to those employed in the service of the Society." On this recommendation, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the trustees, November 12, 1866, they passed the following resolutions, viz:

1. "*Resolved*, That in view of the inadequate support of our missionaries, it is, in our opinion, the duty of our feeble churches to increase the amount of their subscriptions for the support of their ministers, at least twenty-five per cent."

2. "*Resolved*, That the trustees will raise their appropriations to feeble churches, twenty-five per cent. upon the amount they have been accustomed to receive from our funds, provided they will add the same percentage to the amount they have hitherto raised themselves, and make applications for aid to the trustees, according to our rules."

These rules require, that all churches soliciting aid from our funds, in support of their ministers, shall show that they raise

from their own means, for this purpose, one and one-quarter of one per cent. on their taxable property; that is $12.50 on each one thousand dollars ($1,000) of such property. The proposition is, that churches asking aid of the Missionary Society, shall raise twenty-five per cent. for the support of their ministers, on the $12.50 on each $1,000 of their ratable property; which they are now required to raise for this purpose, in order to have assistance from our Society.

Several churches have complied with this proposition, and have thus secured to their preachers a better support. To illustrate: a church that heretofore raised $400 from their own resources for the support of their minister, now raises $500, and the Missionary Society that before made a grant to the same church, of $100 for this purpose, now grants $125. In this way, the salary that was previously $500, is now $625; a very essential addition; but still, in many cases, an inadequate support, as the cost of living now is. It is to be earnestly hoped, all our aided churches will avail themselves of this offer. They can, very generally, do so, if they will; and let them not complain that the Missionary Society makes larger grants to some churches than to themselves, while they decline to do more themselves than other churches do for themselves. Let all the churches that look for aid in supporting the gospel among them, do what our proposition suggests, and they will all receive corresponding aid. This will not only greatly encourage their faithful ministers, but react more benignly on themselves, in giving them more character, more efficiency, more self-respect, and be calculated to secure more of the divine blessing on themselves and the communities around them.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Number of ministers of the gospel in the service of the Society the last year, 864. They were distributed in 29 different States and territories; in the New England States, 204; Middle States, 66; Southern States, 5; Western States and Territories, including 24 on the Pacific Coast, 491.

The aggregate of ministerial labor performed, was 655 years; number of congregations and missionary districts supplied, 1645; Sabbath School and Bible Class scholars, 64,000; Contributions to benevolent objects reported by 508 missionaries, $34,062.56; Revivals of religion, 132; in some of which there were 50, 60, 75, 90 hopeful conversions; Conversions mentioned by 376 missionaries, 3356; Additions to the churches, 5959, of which 3505 by profession; 2454 by letter. In connection with the labors of the missionaries during the year, 63 churches have been organized, 31 have become self-sustaining; 46 houses of worship have been com-

pleted; 102 repaired; 38 in process of erection; 31 young men in connection with the mission churches, reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry; Receipts the last year $212,567.63; Total receipts for 41 years, $4,993,245.43; Total years of labor, 25,004; whole number of addition to churches 193,481.

UNION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF DIFFERENT NAMES, IN SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL, IN CERTAIN CASES, DESIRABLE.

Some years since, the General Association passed resolutions proposing to the ecclesiastical bodies of our Methodist, Calvinistic and Free Will Baptist brethren, in the State, to unite with the Congregationalists in the support, in villages and towns, where two or more churches of any of the above named denominations exist, and yet are too weak each, to support preachers of their own order, in sustaining an evangelical minister, of such denomination as the majority of those concerned, might agree upon. The trustees are not aware that any of the religious bodies named have responded to the proposal of our General Association. But if any of them have, the union has not been effected, except, perhaps, in one or two instances. At Salmon Falls, our Methodist brethren, rather the Methodist church there, have united with the Congregationalists in sustaining a Congregational minister, yet retaining their distinct organization, and meeting as such, for social worship. The Congregational Church there had previously united with the Methodist Church in supporting a Methodist preacher. The union, it is believed, has thus far operated favorably. The two churches are able to give their minister a comfortable support, and act harmoniously. In Goshen, our church there, quite too feeble to sustain the institutions of the gospel, even with such aid as our Missionary Society has heretofore granted them, some of the members have united with the Baptists, and some with the Methodists, in supporting their respective preachers. Such union in circumstances in question, is exceedingly desirable, and would, with the divine blessing, be productive of the most happy results; not the least, the funds now expended by Missionary Societies in aiding in the support of two or three preachers, where one of the right spirit would do more good than they all, might be used in conferring the blessings of a godly ministry upon the really destitute and needy. It is to be hoped this arrangement will be generally effected in time. But it cannot *now* be done. There still exists too much attachment to sect in feeble churches of all evangelical denominations to waive their prejudices, and unite in the support of an evangelical ministry for the common good. Sad that it should be so.

VALUE OF HOME MISSIONS.

The value of the Home Missionary Enterprise cannot be estimated. It befriends all the true interests of man, both for time and eternity. It is to the moral world what the sun is to the physical world, diffusing, wherever it goes, light, warmth and life, creating beauty and glory; causing joy and blessedness.

1. *It promotes education* and *general intelligence.*

Our home missionaries are educated men, have disciplined minds, well stored with varied knowledge; many of them well qualified to fill almost any station to which men are called. Educated themselves, they are the friends and promoters of education and learning in the communities in which they dwell. Illustrations of this abound in the great western and north western portions of our country. Following the first waves of population in those directions, they are the prime, efficient movers, in territorial conventions and legislatures, directly or indirectly, of constitutional and statutory enactments, for setting apart large sections of land for the support of schools, academies and colleges. Not unfrequently they are appointed the first teachers in all these different grades of literary institutions. In and over the colleges, they become officers, the Professors and Presidents, and are thus made the life, the soul, of all the great interests of education in those vast rising empires. Does any one doubt this? Then let them contrast Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, where almost no home missionaries have ever been stationed, and where there are almost no literary institutions of any kind, with Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, California, and Oregon even, where intelligent, earnest, home missionaries were sent in the early history of those territories, now States, and where you may now see Common Schools, Academies, Colleges, all the higher Seminaries of learning, flonrishing and diffusing their benign influence over those rapidly growing States. Let any intelligent man place before his mind's eye, the character and mental condition of these two classes of States, he will be no longer incredulous in regard to the influence of home missions in promoting education and general intelligence.

2. *Home Missions uphold the supremacy of law and government.* Their friends and agents fear God, the great Lawgiver and Governor of the Universe. Honestly aiming to obey the laws themselves, they teach others to obey them. Human governments they view as ordained of God; magistrates as the ministers of God to execute wrath upon evil doers; that those who resist rulers, resist the ordinance of God. Wherever you find the true Missionary of the Cross, you find the friend and supporter of good law and government. All violaters of law they demand shall experience the penalty of law; not from a spirit of revenge, but to show the sacredness and majesty of law, as a terror to evil doers; to maintain

government, and, through it, to secure the welfare of community. Home missions promote loyalty. This was shown in the late war of the rebellion. Carefully collected statistics show that more than four thousand members of Congregational Churches in the West and North West, most of which are mission churches, volunteered in the defence of our government, of whom more than three hundred were Sabbath School Superintendents; three hundred the sons of Congregational ministers; more than one hundred were Congregational ministers. In connexion with the four thousand members of Congregational Churches, who enlisted for the defence of our government, were twelve thousand belonging to religious societies acting with those churches. It is an admitted fact that the great West was saved from joining in the rebellion, through the influence of Home Missions on its people.

3. *These promote good morals and domestic happiness.*—In communities uninfluenced by the fear of God, vice and crime prevail. Dishonesty, fraud, theft, Sabbath-breaking, blasphemy, licentiousness, intemperance, malice, revenge, murder, and every evil work, are rife. To all these the godly home missionary, and the churches he organizes, both by precept and example, act as checks. Before them, the impure and the immoral feel rebuked, and are reformed or retire into darkness. All the virtues opposite to these vices are encouraged. The marriage relation is vindicated as an institution of God; a relation to be as permanent as the lives of the parties, who are to be faithful to each other till death. Happy homes are created. Neighborhoods peaceable, kind, obliging, sympathizing, spring up. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, diffuse moral beauty and charm over society.

4. *Home Missions befriend and promote civil and religious liberty.*—They inculcate and lead to the practice of the golden rule. They teach that God has given to all men, irrespective of color and condition, equal rights and immunities; that all should enjoy, and should have secured to them, by constitutional law, civil and religious freedom. They are the friends of man as man, and would gladly promote all his true interests; his industry, thrift, lawful enterprise, education, high civilization, refinement, integrity, christian morals, social and domestic happiness, civil and religious freedom; conscientious obedience to good and wholesome law; true loyalty to government, enlightened patriotism. Above all, and more than all—

5. *Home Missions aim to secure, and, with the divine blessing do secure the endless welfare of men, the salvation of the soul.*—Can we then place too high an estimate upon them? Ought they not to have larger place in our thoughts, prayers and benefactions? Are they not the hope, the almost only hope, of the perpetuity of our republican government and of the invaluable institutions that

have risen up under it. Without them, how shall the institutions of our holy religion be sustained in many sections of the older States; how established in the newer States and territories, all vast empires in extent of area, the greater portions of which are moral and religious wastes, in which there is almost no Sabbath, no sanctuary, no public worship of the Most High God; but in which iniquity abounds. The heart sickens at the contemplation of these wide desolations, and the certainty of their continuance and extension, only as the Home Missionary enterprise shall prevent. Let it prosper, and with the smiles of Heaven, accomplish its benevolent, its far reaching aims; the wilderness becomes as Eden, the desert as the garden of the Lord.

In behalf of the Trusees,

WILLIAM CLARK, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1867.

Dr. *The New Hampshire Missionary Society in account with* Benj. P. Stone, *Treasurer.* Cr.

To paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$4,699 12	By balance from last year's account,	$3,498 80
American Home Missionary Society, by direction of donors,	1,135 33	Donations from churches, congregations and individuals,	3,594 26
Rev. Wm. Clark, salary as Secretary and Agent,	950 00	From the N. H. Cent Institution,	2,194 51
Rev. Wm. Clark's bill for traveling expenses $180, postage on letters, circulars, &c., 36.13; Stationery, 15.12; expressage, 2.50; circulars, 3.00, and U. S. stamps, 2.30,	234 05	Legacies,	799 65
Treasurer's salary,	150 00	Donations for the American Home Missions,	1,110 33
his bill for postage, stationery, stamps and express,	28 57	Legacy for the American Home Missionary Society,	25 00
Treasuress of the Cent Institution, salary,	30 00	Income of Permanent Fund, including $84.55 income of the Memorial Fund,	259 04
for printing 970 Annual Reports, 132.40; printing 4,024 Cent Reports, 60.74,	193 14	Donation for Rev. Charles Shedd,	12 00
Permanent Fund,	200 00	Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. W. Clark,	27 00
Wm. Butterfield, for printing circulars,	2 50		$11,520 59
Coggswell & Sturtevant, for blanks,	3 25		
Rev Charles Shedd, donation entrusted to care of Treasurer,	12 00	Permanent Fund, in Stocks, Notes and Cash,	$1,908 29
Balance to new account,	3,882 63	Memorial Permanent Fund, in Stocks, Notes and Cash,	1,884 00
	$11,520 59	Total,	$3,792 29

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Benjamin P. Stone, with the New Hampshire Missionary Society, from August 15, 1866, to August 15, 1867, and find his casting correct, and all the charges substantiated by satisfactory vouchers, and that there is a balance in his hands amounting to ($3,882.63) three thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and sixty-three cents. His account of the amount of the Permanent Fund was shown to be correct, by producing the proper certificates, bonds and notes, as was also his statement of the Memorial Permanent Fund, by the exhibition of the bonds and notes named therein.

S. G. LANE, *Auditor.*

Concord, August 16, 1867.

RECEIPTS.

Acworth—Cong. church and society, $20; Ladies' Charitable Society in full to constitute Dea. Amasa Lincoln, life member; the balance $16 50 in part to constitute Rev. J. L. Merrill life member, 23 80,	$43 80
Alstead—B. F. Fisher,	1 50
Amherst—Cong. church and society for American Home Missionary Society, 59 26, do to constitute Miss Ann M. Lawrence, life member of American Home Missionary Society, 30 00, G. F. Stearns life member of American Home Missionary Society, 30 00,	119 26
Atkinson—A friend,	2 00
Barrington—Cong. church and society, two collections,	17 08
Bedford—Presbyterian church and society,	70 00
Bennington—Cong. church and society,	14 50
Boscawen—Cong. church and society, two collections, 44 00, David A. Gerrish, in part to constitute Addie D. Gerrish life member of American Home Missionary Society, 15 00,	59 00
Brookline—Cong. church and society, 20 00, Asa Betterly, 2 00,	22 00
Bristol—Congregational church and society,	
Campton—Cong. church and society, 12 00. John Pulsifer, first installment to constitute Edward Stickney life member of American Home Missionary Society, 5 00,	17 00
Center Harbor—Cong. church and society, 13 84, Rev. A. Benson, 1 00,	14 84
Charlestown—Cong. church and society,	16 00
Chatham—Cong. church and society,	7 00
Chester—Cong. church and society,	25 00
Chichester—Cong. church and society,	6 50
Claremont—Cong. church and society, 56 00, E. L. Goddard, life member, 30 00,	86 00
Concord, First—Cong. church and society, 40 36, do for the American Home Missionary Society 78 89, Mrs. Ann G. Merrill, for the American Home Missionary Society, 10 00,	129 25
Concord, South—Cong. and society, 30 89, individual 1,	31 89
Concord, West—Cong. church and society, 18 33, do in part to constitute Jeremiah F. Runnells life member, 21 07,	39 40
Dalton—Cong. church and society,	7 00
Deerfield—Cong. church and society,	15 00
Derry—First Church and society 23 99, do to constitute Dea. William D. Clark and Dea. Daniel J. Day life members of American Home Missionary 70 00,	93 99
Derry—First Cong. church and society,	52 55
Dover—First Cong. church and society, two collections,	365 35
Dover—Belknap church and society,	12 00
Dunbarton—Cong. church and society,	14 33

Durham—Cong. church and society 32 13, do for the American Home Missionary Society 20 00,	52 13
Epping—Cong. church and society,	31 84
Exeter—First Cong. church and society,	76 50
Exeter—Second Cong. church and society,	128 68
Farmington—Cong. church and society to constitute Rev. R. M. Sargent life member,	30 00
Fisherville—Dea. Almon Harris for the American Home Missionary Society,	30 00
Fitzwilliam—Levi Tower,	3 00
Francestown—Cong. church and society,	51 36
Gilmanton—Cong. church and society,	12 00
Gilmanton Iron Works—Thomas Cogswell,	1 00
Goffstown—Cong. church and society to constitute Alvin Hadley life member American Home Missionary Society,	34 00
Gorham—Cong. church and society 10 00, Mrs. Edmund Burt 4 00,	14 00
Great Falls—Cong. church and society,	66 05
Greenland—Cong. church and society,	20 00
Groton—Cong. church and society,	7 50
Hanover—Cong. church and society, Dartmouth College,	34 31
Hanover Center—Cong. church and society,	4 00
Hampton—Cong. church and society,	14 24
Hancock—Cong. church and society,	16 30
Haverhill—Cong. church and society to constitute John C. Blaisdell life member,	39 50
Henniker—Cong. church and society to constitute Miss Ella F. Gould life member 43 00, do to constitute Mrs. E. Mariah Cogswell, and Daniel Putney, life members of American Home Missionary Society 69 00,	112 00
Hollis—Cong. church and society 29 00, do for American Home Missionary Society 45 31, John Shedd to constitute Sarah Eva Shedd and Mary E. Shedd of Ontario, Ill., and O. G. Patch life members of American Home Missionary Society, 90 00,	164 31
Hopkinton—Cong. church and society,	11 25
Hudson—Cong. church and society,	4 09
Jaffrey—First Cong. church and society,	12 00
Keene—Cong. church and society 68 75, Monthly Concert 60 30, Ladies' Heshbon, Society 25 00, Mrs. F. H. Griffin for American Home Missionary Society, 5 00, Mrs. Hutchins for deceased children 5 franks, 1 25, N. H., 1 00,	161 30
Kensington—Cong. church and society,	10 00
Laconia—Cong. church and society,	5 00
Littleton—Cong. church and society,	21 00
Loudon—L. G. Chase,	1 00
Lyme—Cong. church and society,	206 00
Lyndeborough—Cong. church and society,	30 27
Manchester—First Cong. church and society,	350 00
Manchester—Franklin Street church and society 71 68, C. B. Southworth 10 00,	81 68
Marlborough—Cong. church and society,	19 18
Mason—Cong. church and society,	3 00
Meredith Village—Cong. church and society to constitute Miss Betsey Norris life member 30 00, do for the American Home Missionary Society 25 00,	55 00
Merrimack—Cong. church and society,	53 75

Milford—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. Robert Knight, Dr. H. Eldredge, Miss Ann J. Watson, Jason T. Burns and Charles A. Daniels life members of American Home Missionary Society, 150 00
Milton Mills—Cong. church and society, 10 60
Mont Vernon—Cong. church and society 15 50, less counterfeit 50 cts., 15 00
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha H. Dodge, an. mem., 2 00
Nashua—Olive Street church and society, 119 06
Nashua—Pearl Street church and society, 115 11
Nashua—Mrs. H. M. Bradford, for the American Home Missionary Society, 10 00
Newington—People, 10 50
New Ipswich—Cong. church and society 10 00, do for the South and West 25 00, Childrens' fair 25 00, 60 00
North Conway—Cong. church and society 24 75, Mrs. R. M. Colby for American Home Missionary Society 5 00, 29 75
Orford—Cong. church and society, to constitute Thomas L. Dimick life member, 30 00
Ossipee Center—Cong. church and society, 8 80
Pelham—Cong. church and society 22 00, do for American Home Missionary Society 30 00, Mrs, General Richardson for American Home Missionary Society 100, 152 00
Pembroke—Cong. church and society, 17 34
Peterborough—Cong. church and society, to constitute A. B. Tarbell life member, 30 00
Pittsfield—Cong. church and society 27 24, Dea. R. L. French in part to constitute his daughter, S. G. French, life member of American Home Missionary Society 5 00, 32 24
Plainfield—Rev. Jacob Scales and others, 7 00
Plymouth—Cong. church and society 34 00, A friend to constitute Osgood Keniston life member of A. H. M. S., 30 00, 64 00
Raymond—Cong. church and society, 20 00
Rindge—Cong. church and society 11 60, Female Aux. Home Missionary Society 31 40, 43 00
Salem—Children of the Sabbath School, 3 00
Sanbornton—Cong. church and society, 28 00
Salisbury—Cong. church and society, 38 90
Salmon Falls—Cong. church and society, 20 00
Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society in part to constitute Adam S. Ballantyne, 8 20
Sandwich—Cong. church and society, 5 40
Sandwich, North—S. Ballentyne, life member, 28 43
South Merrimack—Cong. church and society 4 00, A friend 5 00, 9 00
Stoddard—Cong. church and society to constitute Rev. S. L. Gerould life member, 32 45
Stratham—Cong. church and society, 20 00
Sullivan—Cong. church and society, 15 65
Swanzey—Cong. church and society, 7 31
Tamworth—Cong. church and society, 10 10
Troy—Monthly concert, 13 00
Wakefield—Cong. church and society, 12 00
Warner—Cong. church and society 6 30, in full to constitute Dea. Levi Flanders life member, do 24 67 and 5 00 by Dea. M. D. Wheeler, in part to constitute Rev. Henry S. Huntington life member, 35 97
Washington—Cong. church and society, 5 00
Webster—Cong. church and society 30 25, Calvin Little life member of A. H. M. S., 30 00, Henry H. Dodge in full to constitute his daughter Lucy Dodge life member of A. H. M. Society 15 00, 75 25

Wentworth—Cong. church and society,	14 50
West Lebanon—Cong. church and society,	41 53
Wilmot—Cong. church and society,	5 93
Wilton—Cong. church and society,	21 28
Winchester—Ladies to constitute Miss Lucy Genning life member,	30 00
Wolfborough—Cong. church and society,	17 50

LEGACIES.

Amherst.—Legacy of Alma E. Winchester,	$40 00
Amherst.—Dying bequest of Mrs. Aaron Lawrence for the A. H. M. S.	25 00
Acworth.—Legacy of Miss Corinna Slader,	472 65
Concord.—Legacy of Peggy Dodge, late of Salem, Mass.,	124 00
Lebanon.—Legacy of Betsy Liscomb,	50 00
Meriden.—Legacy of widow Mary S. Wood,	53 00
Marlow.—Legacy of Mrs. Lydia Downing, to constitute her daughters, Mrs. L. C. Nichols, of Marlow, and Mrs. N, G. Spaulding, of Fitchburg, Mass., Life Members,	60 00
	$824 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

N. H. Female Cent Institution,	$2,194 51
Income of Permanent Fund,	174 49
Income of Memorial Fund,	84 55
Income of Bank Stock, current fund,	20 00
A friend, for some needy western missionary, sent to Rev. Chas. Shedd,	12 00
Groveland, Mass.—Martha B, Huntress, in full to constitute Miss Eunice Bartlett, Campton, Life Member,	5 00
Different towns in Cheshire County,	3 00
Thetford, Vt.—A friend,	1 00
Avails of supplying pulpits, by Rev. Wm. Clark,	27 00
	$2,519 55

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract. *	Education. †	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen. ‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,.....	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov..	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March.
Merrimack,.....	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,
Rockingham,.....	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,.....	Oct., Nov..	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,
Cheshire and Sullivan,.....	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,
Grafton and Coos,.....	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

* Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
† Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education
‡ Also, American Foreign and Christian Union.

TABLE,

SHOWING THE PLACES WHERE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN HELD, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF ITS ORGANIZATION, IN 1801, AND THE WHOLE AMOUNT RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HOME MISSIONS EACH YEAR.

Years. Places.	Amount.	Years. Places.	Amount.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51 63	1835—Plymouth,	7,795 24
1802—Concord,	386 62	1836—Exeter,	4,942 02
1803—Concord,	309 46	1837—Claremont,	5,506 14
1804—Concord,	406 09	1838—New Ipswich,	5,396 81
1805—Hopkinton,	602 84	1839—Lyme,	4,616 37
1806—Hopkinton,	611 49	1840—Hampton,	4,596 83
1807—Hopkinton,	600 66	1841—Francestown,	5,187 03
1808—Concord,	1,290 48	1842—Dover,	5,361 11
1809—Concord,	735 92	1843—Nashua,	5,730 36
1810—Concord,	1,288 27	1844—Concord, (South,)	7,582 66
1811—Dunbarton,	953 92	1845—Portsmouth,	5,365 19
1812—Hollis,	1,520 58	1846—Newport,	9,027 15
1813—Plymouth,	932 27	1847—Mered'h Br.(Laconia)	6,050 51
1814—Hanover,	2,638 90	1848—Manchester, 1st Ch.,	7,720 75
1815—Keene,	2,807 08	1849—Plymouth,	7,010 12
1816—Concord,	2,633 36	1850—Great Falls,	7,368 54
1817—Exeter,	2,395 05	1851—Acworth,	9,948 47
1818—Dover,	2,427 10	1852—Pittsfield,	7,896 50
1819—Haverhill,	2,537 21	1853—Littleton,	10,461 21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712 56	1854—Derry,	8,417 53
1821—New Ipswich,	1,851 07	1855—Concord, 1st Ch.,	7,992 34
1822—Pembroke,	1,755 18	1856—Exeter, 1st Ch.,	6,690 47
1823—Acworth,	1,846 20	1857—Keene,	8,148 55
1824—Londonderry,(Derry)	2,637 44	1858—Hampton,	6,732 26
1825—Lyme,	1,869 09	1859—Boscawen,	8,076 99
1826—Durham,	1,872 07	1860—Claremont,	7,258 60
1827—Rindge,	3,263 65	1861—Portsmouth,	8,148 68
1828—Salisbury,	1,951 83	1862—Concord, South Ch.,	7,182 49
1829—Newport,	2,416 71	1863—Haverhill,	8,606 57
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479 86	1864—Manchester,	7,556 61
1831—Concord,	2,371 34	1865—Newport,	8,589 13
1832—Amherst,	5,820 75	1866—Dover,	20,064 51
1833—Keene,	5,067 66	1867—Nashua,	12,068 17
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843 24		
Total amount raised in sixty-six years,			$310,514 56

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New Hampshire and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and, in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and of the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meeting of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, besides having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES, AUGUST 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry? *
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source,—and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to

* The answer to this question should include Bank, Railroad, United States and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

feeble churches, to defray the expenses of a temporary supply of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar, of their ratable property, that is $12.50 on $1,000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power, to vary from this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1 1-4 per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent. to one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the Society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, viz:

1. What the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessors' books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised: by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members, male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1, by profession; by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms, infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year, by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the Trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the Society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.

"*The Home Missionary*," published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and Auxiliary Associations of either Society; to all pastors whose congregations contribute any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Applications may be made to the Treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of the *Home Missionary* for New Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the Treasurer to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the Trustees is to be at Concord the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

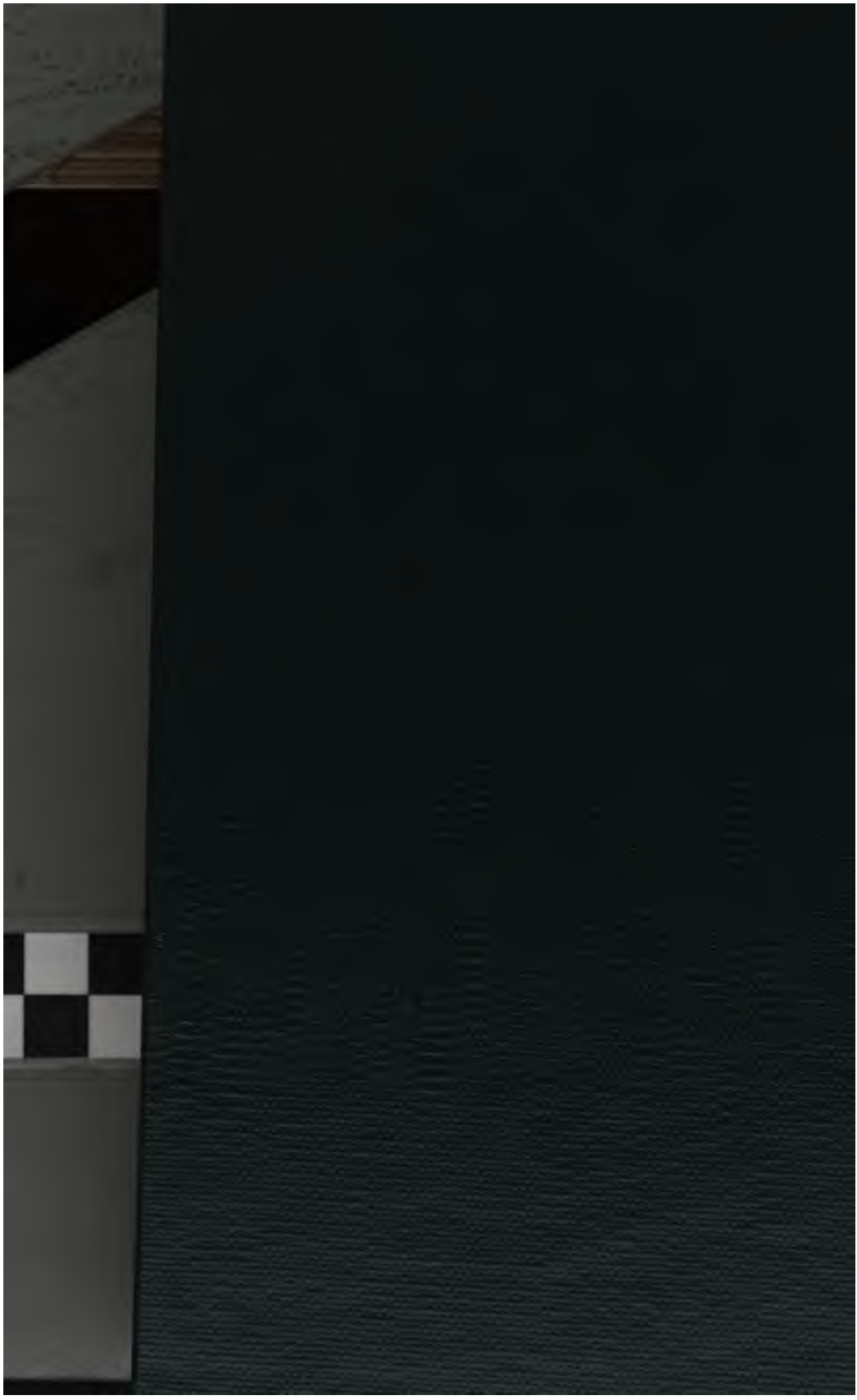
I give to the New Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important Legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

LIFE MEMBERS,
CONSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR.

Abbott, Mrs. E. K., Webster.
Barns, James F., A. H. M. S. Milford.
Bartlett, Miss Eunice, Campton.
Blakely, Mrs. Gertrude S., Campton.
Blaisdell, John C., Haverhill.
Brickett, Mrs. Lydia, Londonderry.
Carr, Rev. Wm. O., Barnstead.
Clark, Dea. Wm. D., A.H.M.S, Derry.
Christie, Mrs. L. L., New Boston.
Cogswell, Mrs. E. Maria, A. H. M. S. Henniker.
Cogswell, Mrs. E. C., Northwood.
Cogswell, Mrs. Joseph, Nashua.
Crafts, Mrs. S., West Lebanon.
Day, Mrs. Mary B., Milford.
Day, Dea. David J., A.H.M.S. Derry.
Daniels, Charles A., A.H.M.S., Milf'd
Dimick, Thomas L., Orford.
Dodge, Lucy, A. H. M. S., Webster.
Eldredge, Dr. H., A.H.M.S., Milford.
Flanders, Dea. Levi, Warner.
Fountain, Mrs. Eliza L., Milford.
George, Mrs. Charles, Bedford.
Gallop, Mrs. Lucy, Lebanon.
Genning, Miss Lucy, Winchester.
Gerrish, Addie D., A.H.M.S., Bosc'n.
Gerould, Rev. Samuel L., Stoddard.
Goddard, E. L., Claremont.
Gould, Miss Ella F., Henniker.
Hadley, Alvin, Goffstown.
Hartley, Mrs. Eunice E., Hancock.
Harris, Dea. Almon, A. H. M. S., Fisherville.
Hazelton, Miss Martha, A. H. M. S., Plymouth.
Hough, Mrs. Rebecca, Nashua.
Kenniston, Osgood, A. H. M. S. Plymouth.
Knight, Dea. Robert, A.H.M.S. Milf'd
Lane, Mrs. Martha Jane G., Dover
Lawrence, Miss Ann M., A. H. M. S., Amherst.
Little, Calvin, A. H. M. S., Webster.
Lincoln, Dea. Amasa, Acworth.
Morrill, Rev. S. S., A. H. M. S., Hillsborough Bridge.
Moore, Mrs. N. H., Peterborough.
Moore, Miss Charlotte, Chester.
Norris, Mrs. L. C., Marlow.
Norris, Mrs. Betsy, Meredith Village.
Potter, O. G., A. H. M. S., Hollis.
Putney, David, A. H. M. S., Henniker
Sargent, Rev. R. M., Farmington.
Sargent, Rev. R. M., A. H. M, S., Farmington.
Shedd, Mary E., A.H.M.S. Ontario, Il,
Shedd, Sarah Eva, A. H. M. S., Ontario, Ill.
Spaulding, Mrs. N. J., Fitchb'g, Mass.
Spaulding, Mrs. Leonard, Francest'n.
Spaulding, Mrs. Henry, Francestown.
Swan, Mrs. Henry, Haverhill.
Stearns, G. F., A. H. M. S., Amherst.
Tarbell, N. B., Peterborough.
True, Mrs. Eunice W., Meredith Vill.
Watson, Miss Ann J., A. H. M. S., Milford.
Wood, Mrs. Martha N., Boscawen.

NAMES OF LIFE MEMBERS, CORRECTED OR OMITTED IN THE LIST.

Baker, Mrs. Elizabeth P., Sanbornton Bridge.
Burnham, Rev. Charles, Mere. Vill.
Burnham, Mrs. Mary M., Mere. Vill.
Cofran, Mrs. Phebe, Sanbornton Br.
Cushing, Clarissa W., Dover.
Estes, Mrs. Caroline, Dover.
Farnum, Mrs. H., West Concord.
Footman, Rebecca S., Dover.
Freeman, Mrs. Francis, Dover.
Holmes, Rev. James, Auburn.
Long, Geo. W., Meredith Bridge.
Lord, Mrs. Mary Ann, Dover.
Lord, Dr. Nathaniel, Dover.
Parsons, Mrs. Mary A., Nashua.
Pierce, Mrs. Abigail O., Dover.
Pendexter, Mrs. Abigail, Dover.
Riley, Mrs. Ann P., Dover.
Root, Mrs. Mary A., New Haven, Ct.
Sise, Maria, Dover.
Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth H., Dover.
Walker, Mrs. Roxanna P., Dover.
Walker, Rev. Avery S., Dover,
Watson, Elizabeth, Dover.
Wheeler, Mrs. Mary P., Dover.
Welsh, Mrs. Mary P., Dover.

[redacted]
3 2044 023 269 020